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▶ Jen Rose and her pug-Jack Russell, Lucy, walk by the Drake billboard near Dufferin Street and Springhurst Avenue. Drake, one of Toronto's most famous ambassadors, did not ask permission to use a modified version of the city's official logo (top left on billboard) on a Gardiner Expressway ad promoting his smash-hit new album, a city spokesperson says. Story, page 4.

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City in a tizzy over Drizzy Drake's billboard

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Father of missing teen jailed

Judge says he shows 'inability to cope' with loss of daughter {page 2}

UFC president called a bully after Twitter 'trash talk'

UFC Twitter feed sets a 'terrible example' to teens, says Ross as he was publicly accosted

Bullying is bad and you shouldn't do it, UFC fighters told Toronto students at a recent Rogers Centre event. Maybe Dana White, the Las Vegas-based president of the mixed-martial-arts organization Ultimate Fighting Championship, didn't get the message.

When a person tweeted his complaint about Canadian UFC fighter Georges St-Pierre being injured and unable to fight, White responded Wednesday on a Twitter public feed: "I hope you get kicked in the nuts twice today."

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▶ Darius Ross tweeted: "This is why UFC cannot be given a platform in Toronto schools."

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▶ Dana White tweeted: "Then why do you follow me? Hide ur children crybaby!!! I will be in Toronto in two hours!!!"

Many others jumped into the public feed with tweets, almost all insulting Darius Ross, a Toronto freelance editor.

Ross said the comments from White and others could certainly meet the criteria of bullying. But he said he's a confident man "with a fully formed personality" and is immune to this sort of "trash talk." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Rookie MPP calls for TTC funding

A rookie Toronto MPP has laid the issue of TTC fare increases and service cuts at the feet of the Liberal government.

Jonah Schein (NDP-Davenport) is calling for a return to the pre-1997 funding arrangement in which the province paid half of TTC operating costs.

Service cuts and fare hikes — whether 10 cents or 15 cents — are not the appropriate answer for working people who choose greener transportation, he said.

"A big part of the budget crisis at city hall has been created under this (city) administration. But a big part of it is structural, with the province," Schein said.

His comments came the same day the TTC released a report recommending city councillors on the transit commission approve a 10-cent fare hike that would bring the cost of a token to $2.60 and return the system to 2004 service standards on 62 bus and streetcar routes.

The increase would be applied to all fares, except the $3 cash fare.

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▶ Jonah Schein, right, with Ontario NDP leader Andrea Horwath at a TTC subway station in September.

Missing teen's dad jailed 6 years

Family first made headlines in 2009 when Mariam, 17, disappeared outside Forest Hill Collegiate

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▶ Vakhtang Makhniashvili, left, Lela Tavidze and Georve Makhniashvili are seen at Yonge and Dundas square with a poster of daughter Mariam, who disappeared Sept. 14, 2009, in this April 2010 file photo.

The father of missing teen Mariam Makhniashvili has been sentenced to six years in prison after pleading guilty to stabbing three people last year.

With credit for time served, Vakhtang Makhniashvili, 51, will spend another four years and 11 months behind bars.

"This is a very sad case. (He) is living every person's nightmare, the loss of a child," Justice Rebecca Rutherford said during the sentencing Thursday morning.

"His inability to cope appears to have led to the serious attacks" last year against neighbour Sean Ure and David and Delores Langer, the couple who bailed him out of jail, she said. But the "surprise" knife attacks inflicted serious injuries, both physical and emotional, and warranted a stiff sentence, she added.

Makhniashvili, a Georgian immigrant who studied music, sociology and philosophy, stood in the prisoner's box, his head bowed, as Rutherford read her sentence.

Search for Mariam

- Mariam's whereabouts are still unknown.
- Det. Sgt. Dan Nealon, lead investigator in the case, said police are looking into a reported sighting in Toronto earlier this week, reviewing surveillance video from the area.
- Noting there is no "concrete evidence" the person was Mariam, Nealon said police have been flooded by hundreds of tips and reported sightings.

In October, a court-ordered psychiatric assessment revealed that Makhniashvili's violent outbursts were related to a delusional disorder and were likely triggered by stress brought on by his daughter's disappearance.

Outside the courthouse, Delores Langer rolled up her sleeve to show a scar running up her left arm. She said the injury from Makhniashvili's attack left her left hand paralyzed, but said she empathized with his family.

"I feel his pain, he's a parent … it's tragic," she said. "But I don't condone violence. I hope he gets the help that he needs."

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Singer wings it with penguin ballad

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▶ Bonded male African penguins Pedro, left, and Buddy, inspire anthem of icebound love.

Story of separated gay penguins moves first-time songwriter Song gets rousing reception

An ode to the Toronto Zoo's male-bonded penguins proved an uproarious hit at this week's Corktown Ukulele Jam.

In the first song she ever wrote, Sunny Widerman sang of star-crossed Buddy and Pedro, the African penguins who must be separated and mated with females to perpetuate their endangered subspecies.

"You know why we're here and what we've got to do," Widerman intoned poignantly, casting herself as Buddy doing his duty while missing Pedro. "And the fact that I hate it doesn't make it less true.

"When we're apart for the sake of our kind ... I'll be thinking of you when only my heart takes flight."
BUDDY AND PEDRO SONG

As the narrative developed, the pub crowd at Dominion On Queen — open since 1889 on Queen St. E. — grew ever louder with cheers and laughter.

In the song, Buddy says he never dreamed of flying but meeting Pedro changed everything.

"I was formally dressed and eternally icebound, flapping these ridiculous black flipper things," the lyrics go. "Then I met you and I learned they were wings."

The Corktown Ukulele Jam, founded nearly three years ago and drawing upwards of 70 to 80 people on Wednesday nights, was holding its first open stage for members' original material.

Widerman, a tax adviser, singer and founding member, said she always wanted to write a song and the event gave her a deadline. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Drake loves Toronto, including its logo?

A superstar rapper and his signature owl have ruffled the feathers of the city's legal eagles.

Drake, one of Toronto's most famous and proud cultural ambassadors, failed to ask permission to use a modified version of the official city logo on a Gardiner Expressway billboard promoting his smash-hit new album, a city spokesperson says.

The billboard, located at Dufferin Street and Springhurst Avenue, features the word "Toronto" in the distinctive style of the logo. And in the spot on the logo where the image of City Hall is located, to the left of the "Toronto," the billboard substitutes the owl emblem of Drake's personal brand, October's Very Own.

The album's name, Take Care, and release date, Nov. 15, are below.

"We would suggest," city spokesperson Francine Antonio-Forte said in an email, "the treatment of the word Toronto used on the billboard is very similar to the wordmark that forms part of the Toronto logo. The similarity of the wordmarks, in conjunction with other creative elements used for the billboard, may cause some confusion about the source of the information." She said city officials learned of the existence of the billboard late last week. They are now "reviewing the matter."

"While the city is proud of its local and international talent, we have a general practice of reviewing and addressing reported or known cases related to the possible misuse of the Toronto logo," she said.

The chorus of one of Drake's songs, City Is Mine, goes as follows: "Yo, the city is mine/Which one?/T-O-R-O-N-T-O." It is not clear whether he mistakenly believes his ownership of the place extends to its intellectual property; his management company did not respond to a request for comment.

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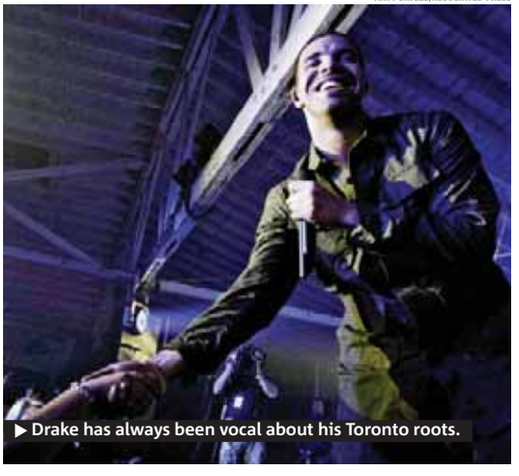

▶ Drake has always been vocal about his Toronto roots.

Drake, full name Aubrey Drake Graham, was raised in Forest Hill. The 25-year-old former Degrassi: The Next Generation star has endeared himself to Toronto fans by maintaining a vocal hometown pride throughout his rise to worldwide renown as a rapper — collaborating with Toronto artists and shooting a video at the Rogers Centre and Scarborough's Guildwood Park.
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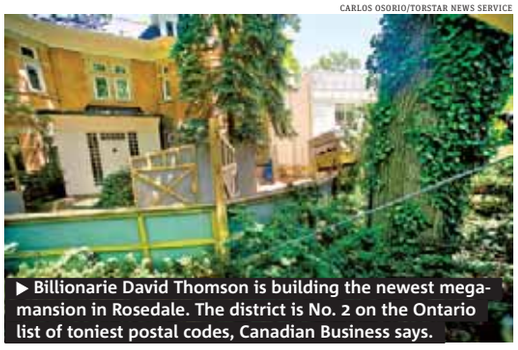

▶ Billionarie David Thomson is building the newest mega-mansion in Rosedale. The district is No. 2 on the Ontario list of toniest postal codes, Canadian Business says.

M4N the poshest 'hood?

Lawrence Park assumes the mantle as Canada's richest neighbourhood

If you're in M4N, let's just assume you've got it made.

The postal-code prefix of Lawrence Park in Toronto marks the richest neighbourhood not only in Ontario — but in all of Canada.

Canadian Business lists the 10 toniest neighbourhoods by province and in Canada. By their count, Lawrence Park-dwellers — around Lawrence Avenue East and Mount Pleasant Road — had an average net worth of $3,824,165 last year.

No. 2 on the Ontario list was Rosedale, at $3,642,533, followed by St. Andrew-Windfields East, at $3,447,638, in the Bayview Avenue-York Mills Road area.

But not everyone was safe from tough economic times: Even Lawrence Park's net worth was down 1.4 per cent between 2010 and 2009. Two years ago, it was $3,877,815.

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Accomplice killed millionaire, accused man tells court

▶ Ross

The man accused of fatally shooting philanthropist Glen Davis admits he tooks part in the murder plot and carried a handgun in a knapsack into the underground garage where the killing took place on May 18, 2007.

But Ivgeny (Eugene) Vorobiov told a Superior Court jury Thursday that when he couldn't go through with the execution, his co-conspirator, Jesse Smith, grabbed the gun out of the knapsack.

"I started walking away toward the ramp and headed up the ramp. Almost at the top, I heard the bang," Vorobiov, 33, testified. "It was very loud. My heart dropped. I knew exactly what happened. Then I heard a second bang."

Vorobiov said he returned to the lower level and saw Smith and a "man lying on the ground. Jesse was going through his pockets."

But robbery was not the motive, Vorobiov said. He testified he and Smith were enlisted by Marshall Ross, 41, Davis's godson and cousin, to kill Davis.

Smith, 27, testified this week that it was Vorobiov who shot Davis while he waited in a parked car. Last year he pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact to murder and is soon to be released from prison.

Vorobiov and Dmitri Kossyrine, 33, have pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Union demands end to mayor's boycott of Star

▶ John Honderich

The union representing Toronto Star journalists is adding its voice to those complaining about Mayor Rob Ford's boycott of the paper's reporters.

Ford's decision to exclude Star reporters in emails and press releases threatens the ability of all reporters to do their job, said Paul Morse of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada.

Morse said Ford's action ultimately affects the ability of the electorate to judge the performance of their politicians.

"These are documents created by public servants, about public issues, paid for by public taxes," Morse said. "That makes them public documents, not the private property of Mayor Ford.

"Here you have someone who ran on a platform of respecting the taxpayer, who's slapping the face of the public who elected him," he said.

John Honderich, chairman of Torstar Corp., wrote last week that the paper would file a complaint with Toronto's integrity commissioner.

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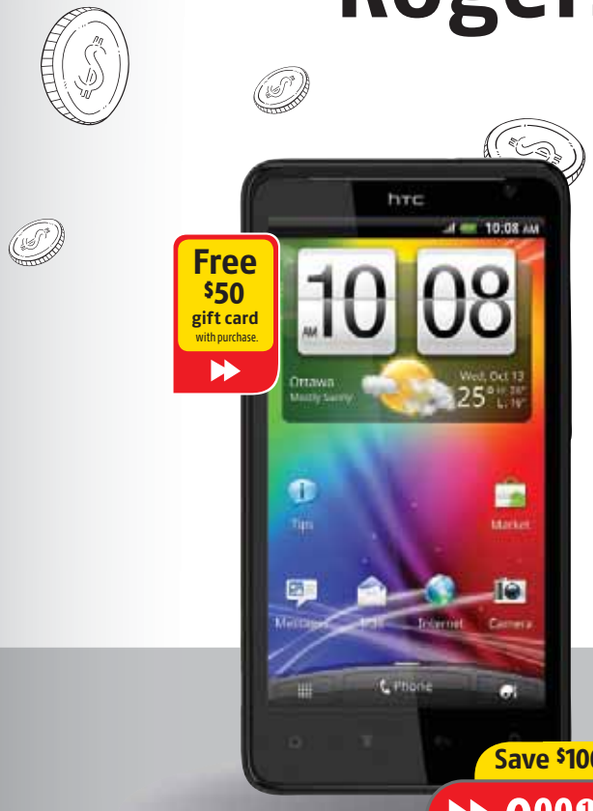

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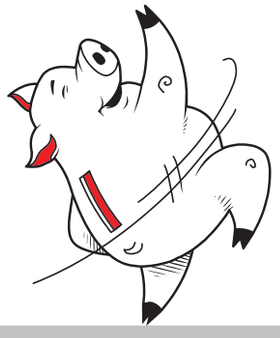

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RCMP commish takes over post

New boss installed in colourful ceremony, but real work lies ahead

Bringing more women into the RCMP will help strengthen the national police force as it works to stamp out harassment, says the new top Mountie.

After being formally installed as the storied force's 23rd commissioner in a pomp-filled ceremony Thursday, Bob Paulson said he also wants to see more women in the senior ranks.

"My view is, we bring more women into our decision-making process at the executive level, we have a much more representative decision-making body in the force."

He takes over the RCMP amid complaints of bullying and sexual harassment from several members.

Paulson, 52, said the force has already made progress on the issue, starting with an "extraordinary" meeting of the top brass and changes to the way harassment cases are tracked.

Several female RCMP officers have come forward since Cpl. Catherine Galliford went public in November with allegations of harassment within the force in British Columbia.

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Biography

- The Quebec-born Paulson joined the Mounties in 1986. He served 19 years throughout British Columbia, working on unsolved murders, aboriginal and community policing, and organized-crime probes.
- Paulson came to Ottawa headquarters in 2005, serving in a series of posts, most recently deputy commissioner for federal policing. He has three children.

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▶ RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson salutes as the parade marches past during a change of command ceremony welcoming him as the 23rd commissioner in Ottawa on Thursday

Father shook and slapped baby girl: Mother

A mother whose baby died two years ago says she saw the infant's head snap back and forth when her former boyfriend shook their child, one of two incidents of mistreatment Jane Gomes told his trial she witnessed.

Gomes testified Thursday that Ashiqur Rahman became angry about their daughter's crying as the couple were changing her diaper on July 15, 2009.

Gomes, 25, said Rahman shouted at the infant to stop crying as he shook her.

"Ashiqur grabbed her two feet together and her hands together and shook three or four times and said, 'Stop, stop now,' " said Gomes, holding her clenched hands apart to demonstrate what she alleged happened.

"She was lying on the bed but her head flipped back, tilted back."

Rahman, 25, has pleaded not guilty to manslaughter and aggravated assault in the July 2009 death of the couple's seven-week-old daughter Aurora Breakthrough.

Gomes pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to provide the necessities of life and received a conditional discharge.

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▶ Jane Gomes, centre, arrives at court in Halifax. Gomes is the mother of a baby who died more than two years ago.

Scouts apologize for abuse

Scouts Canada is apologizing to all former scouts who may have "suffered harm" at the hands of volunteer leaders in the past.

A report on CBC's Fifth Estate alleges Scouts Canada had a list of suspected pedophiles and did not share it with authorities.

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Liberals seek support, but won't dish it out

- Face tough choices in new year with $16-billion deficit
- Cost-cutting measures could trigger another election

Ontario's minority Liberals used the last day in the legislature before a long winter break to introduce a bill that would fulfil yet another election promise.

The legislation aims to expand a program that provides up to eight weeks of unpaid leave for people caring for a dying loved one.

The change would extend the program to those who are looking after a family member who has a serious injury or illness, including cancer or a stroke.

The province is also calling on the federal government to make the caregiver leave time eligible for employment insurance benefits. "Ultimately, we like to believe that this will provide an opportunity for us as a province to help people

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▶ Linda Jeffrey

be where they want to be, whether it's at home or in the hospital with somebody they love," said Labour Minister Linda Jeffrey.

The Liberals will need the support of at least one of the opposition parties, but don't appear to have built up much goodwill. They refused to support an NDP initiative — backed by the Opposition Conservatives — to take the HST off home heating. Yet the party continues to push its own agenda, including a home renovation tax credit for seniors and a tuition cut for full-time university and college students.

The New Democrats tried to put another idea forward Thursday with a motion to put the brakes on corporate tax cuts, which they say will cost the treasury $800 million over two years. But Premier Dalton McGuinty dismissed the proposal. "This is not a matter of ideology, it's a matter of doing what we need to do to strengthen our economy and ensure that we are competitive," he said in the legislature.

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Quebec. Protest

▶ Members of a coalition of unions demonstrate against the ongoing negotiations of a free trade agreement between Canada and the European Union, using a Trojan horse as a symbol on Thursday in front of the legislature in Quebec City.

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Unions flog free trade talks with EU

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Shafia: The loving dad

- Accused in honour killings says his children were cruel toward him
- Denies being abusive, describes himself as heading a liberal family

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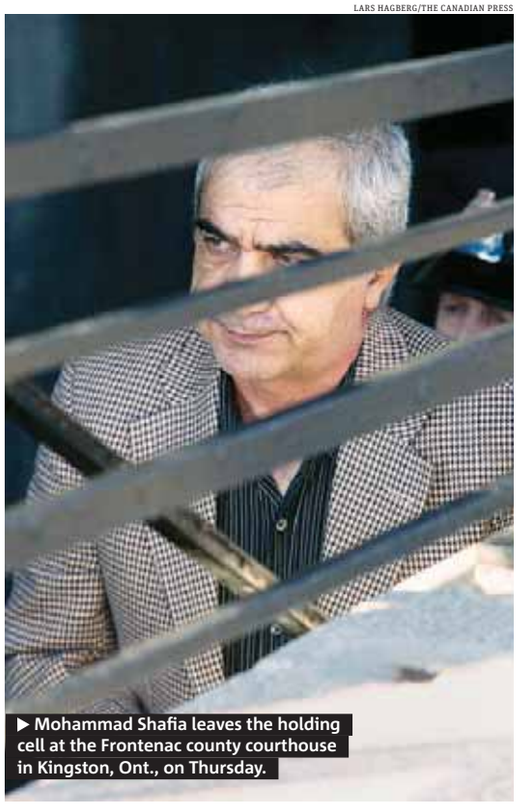

▶ Mohammad Shafia leaves the holding cell at the Frontenac county courthouse in Kingston, Ont., on Thursday.

A man accused of killing his three daughters over family honour portrayed himself Thursday as a loving, benevolent and lenient father, even though his children were cruel to him.

The picture Mohammad Shafia painted of himself as he took the stand at his murder trial was in stark contrast to evidence the jury has heard from Crown witnesses over the past six weeks. Court has heard that his children were afraid of him, begging authorities to remove them from the home, and that he cursed them as treacherous on wiretaps secretly recorded after their deaths.

What Shafia meant, when he was recorded on the wiretaps saying that even if the girls came back to life 100 times he would "do the same again," is that he would continue to give them good advice, he told court.

When he was heard saying, "God's curse on them," he was really cursing himself, Shafia said.

Shafia, 58, and his wife, Tooba Yahya, 41, and their son Hamed, 20, have each pleaded not guilty to four counts of first-degree murder.

They're accused of killing Zainab, 19, Sahar, 17 and Geeti Shafia, 13, and Rona Amir Mohammad, 52, Shafia's first wife in a polygamous marriage. The four bodies were found June 30, 2009, inside a car submerged in a canal in Kingston, Ont.

Shafia admitted under cross-examination Thursday afternoon that he thought his daughters' behaviour – Zainab and Sahar dating boys and Geeti skipping school – was damaging the family's reputation. But he denied Crown attorney Laurie Lacelle's suggestion that by the time they died, Shafia knew all four wanted out of the family home.

"No ... They were happy," Shafia said.

However, he did acknowledge he knew about a suicide attempt by Sahar, though he said he couldn't remember if he was at home or out of the country on business at the time, because "this was not something extraordinary."

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Devil dialogue

- Shafia also tried to explain what he meant when he said on the wiretaps, "May the devil [defecate] on their graves."
- "To me it means that the devil would go out and check with them in graves," Shafia said through an interpreter. "If they have done a good thing it would be good, if they did bad it would be up to God, what to do."
- Shafia's lawyer, Peter Kemp, suggested it was a common phrase in Dari, a dialect from Afghanistan and Shafia's first language.
- "Have you heard it often?" Kemp asked. "Yes," Shafia replied, "I heard it in court."

Iran TV broadcasts video of 'U.S. drone'

Iranian state TV broadcast video Thursday of what it said was the high-tech U.S. drone that Tehran says its forces downed earlier this week.

The more than two minutes of footage showed Iranian military officials inspecting what state TV identified as the RQ-170 Sentinel drone. The cream-coloured aircraft appeared intact and undamaged.

The chief of the aerospace division of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guards, Gen. Ami Ali Hajizadeh, said Iranian forces brought the aircraft down with an electronic ambush, causing minimum damage to the drone.

"It was downed through a joint operation by the Guards and Iran's regular army," he told state television.

Capt. John Kirby, a Pentagon spokesman, said U.S. military officials and others were studying the imagery.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ A grab taken from the Iranian state-run Press TV on Thursday shows what Iranian officials claim is the US RQ-170 Sentinel high-altitude reconnaissance drone that crashed in Iran on December 4, 2011.

"We're just not going to talk about these kinds of missions and these kinds of capabilities," Kirby told reporters in Washington.

Meanwhile, a former U.S. official confirmed that the video depicted the RQ-170 Sentinel lost over Iran and reported missing by American military in Afghanistan.

Tehran appeared to be using the video footage to score propaganda points.

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Expert opinion

- John Pike, an expert on military and intelligence technology for GlobalSecurity.org, said in an email that the drone shown on Iranian TV looked like "a parade float model of a Sentinel" rather than the high-tech robotic surveillance aircraft itself.
- He also said it was in better shape than would be expected after a crash.

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▶ Minister of Health and Long-Term Care for Ontario Deb Matthews says it is important is to make sure there is accountability in healthcare.

Ontario hospital CEO pay is fair: Report

Executive earnings a contentious issue ◗ Independent panel says Ontario should develop guidelines for CEO pay

After years of criticism concerning hefty pay of Ontario hospital CEOs, a new report shows provincial chief executives are fairly compensated in large and small institutes.

However, an investigation done by an independent panel led by former deputy prime minister John Manley suggests Ontario develop a CEO pay framework to set standards.

The panel's report, to be released Friday, found that in medium-sized hospitals CEO salaries can vary widely. In some cases, pay can exceed the rate made by chief executives in private businesses with similar revenues.

$418K The NDP says hospital CEO pay should be capped at $418,000, and party leader Andrea Horwath said Thursday the government should consider that as it moves forward with restraint measures.

"If Ontario hospitals are to attract and keep the best leaders, compensation must be appropriate and competitive," said the study.

How much public sector executives — especially hospital CEOs — are paid is a lightning rod of contention as the Liberals grapple with a $16 billion deficit.

In the 2011 provincial budget, the government stated it would like to cut funding for executive offices of hospitals, universities and school boards by 10 per cent over two years. But no legislation has been introduced to back this up.

Health Minister Deb Matthews said she is looking forward to seeing Manley's analysis. He headed up an independent panel on behalf of the Ontario Hospital Association — the body representing 151 hospital corporations. The OHA would not comment until Friday's press conference.

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Comparable wages for private sector CEOs

Hospitals receive $17.1 billion in funding each year — 36 per cent of the ministry of health's budget. But in 2010, total hospital revenues were $23 billion.

The increase is due to research grants and money earned from hospital foundations.

The report found the pay levels of most hospital CEOs in Ontario are below the 25th percentile of total cash compensation received by the chief executives of private sector organizations with similar revenues. That means three quarters of the CEOs at comparably-sized private organizations earn more than their hospital counterparts.

But, at some mid-sized Ontario hospitals — those with budgets between $25 million and $250 million — CEO pay exceeds the 25th percentile of the private sector. In a few cases, hospital CEOs earn above the median of their private-sector counterparts.

Chief executives at larger, more complex hospitals and academic centres are fairly compensated, the report found.

Dr. Robert Bell, head of the University Health Network which includes Toronto General, Toronto Western and Princess Margaret hospitals, earned $753,992 in 2010.

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▶ Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has had an obscene characterization of a prominent opposition figure appear on his Twitter account.

Tasteless tweet raises Russian ire

Offending retweet of a post by United Russia ideologue has been removed from Medvedev's account

President Dmitry Medvedev's affection for going online has turned off-colour after an obscene characterization of a prominent opposition figure appeared on his Twitter account.

Medvedev's tweets are usually bland, such as congratulating victorious sports teams. So the post describing popular opposition figure Alexei Navalny as a sheep engaging in an unprintable sexual act sparked huge attention.

A Kremlin statement says the message, a retweet of a posting by United Russia party ideologue and former parliament member Konstantin Rykov, was posted by an unnamed member of the president's technical staff. It added: "The guilty will be punished."

The post, late Tuesday, came on the second straight day of large demonstrations by protesters over the vote fraud seen in Russia's parliamentary election Sunday.

The post does not mention Navalny by name, but clearly refers to him, denouncing the phrase the "party of crooks and thieves" that Navalny popularized on his blog to characterize United Russia, the country's dominant party.

Navalny was arrested Monday on the first night of protests in Moscow and sentenced to 15 days in jail.

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NATO TALKS

Deadlock over missile defence

Russia and NATO remain deadlocked on a long-running dispute over the alliance's plan for a missile shield for Europe, officials said Thursday, and Russia warned that time was running out for an agreement.

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen reported no progress toward a deal on the contentious issue, following a key discussion among alliance foreign ministers and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov that came amid political turmoil in Russia and tart criticism of the United States.

Fogh Rasmussen rejected Russian criticism that NATO is ignoring its concerns that the planned missile system might one day be turned on Russia. He left the door open for more talks before the next planned NATO summit in May 2012.

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Don't interfere in Syria: Russia

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Thursday that Syrians should be allowed to sort out their country's problems without outside interference.

Lavrov said that Syria should follow the example of Yemen, where longtime President Ali Abdullah Saleh stepped down after a 10-month uprising in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

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Virginia Tech massacre revisited

Site of 2007 shooting locks down campus after police officer killed
Gunman apparently killed self

A gunman killed a police officer in a Virginia Tech parking lot and was found dead nearby Thursday in an attack that sent fear through the campus nearly five years after it was the scene of the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history.

The school locked down for hours and warned students and faculty members via email and text message to stay indoors. The shootings came as university officials were in Washington appealing a fine that U.S. officials gave them over the school's response to the 2007 rampage.

"Today, tragedy again struck Virginia Tech," said university president Charles Steger. "Our hearts are broken again."

The police officer was killed after pulling a driver over in a traffic stop. The gunman, who was not involved in the traffic stop, walked into the parking lot and shot the officer, Sgt. Robert Carpentieri said. Police wouldn't talk about a motive.

A law enforcement official who spoke on the condition of anonymity confirmed the gunman was dead, but wouldn't say how.

It appeared the gunman died in another school parking lot, where officials said a man was found dead with a gun nearby. While police at a news conference wouldn't confirm the second body was the gunman, Carpentieri said "you can kind of read between the lines."

The campus swarmed with heavily armed police during the lockdown and manhunt. Students hid in buildings, a day before final exams were to begin Friday.

"A lot of people, especially toward the beginning were scared," said Jared Brumfield, a 19-year-old freshman.

"It's crazy that someone would go and do something like that with all the stuff that happened in 2007," said Corey Smith, a 19-year-old sophomore.

The shooting came as Virginia Tech was appealing a $55,000 fine by the U.S. Education Department in connection with the university's response to the 2007 shootings.

The department said the school violated the law by waiting more than two hours after two students were shot to death in their dorm before sending an email warning. By then, student gunman Seung-Hui Cho was chaining shut the doors to a classroom building where he killed 30 more people and then himself.

The department said the email was too vague because it mentioned only a "shooting incident," not the deaths.

Since the massacre, the school has overhauled its alert system and now sends text messages, emails, tweets and posts messages on its website. Other colleges and universities have put in place similar systems.

On Thursday, during about a one-hour period, the university issued four separate alerts.

Derek O'Dell, who was wounded in the 2007 shootings, was shaken. He was monitoring the situation from his home a couple of miles from campus.

"At first I was just hoping it was a false alarm," he said. "Then there were reports of two people dead, and the second person shot was in the parking lot where I usually park to go to school, so it was kind of surreal."

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The scene

- Campus was quieter than usual because classes ended Wednesday and students were preparing for exams. The school said those tests would be postponed.

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▶ Police officers console one another as they move toward the scene where a fellow police officer was killed in a parking lot on the campus of Virginia Tech, Thursday.

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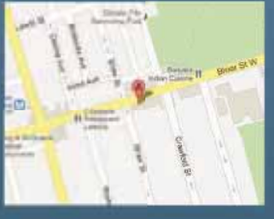

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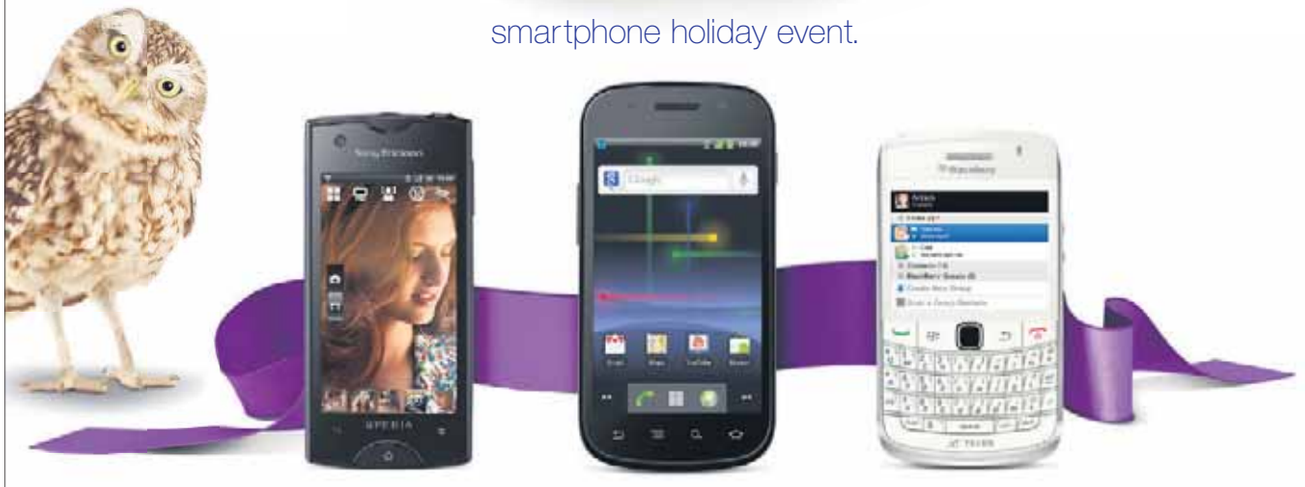

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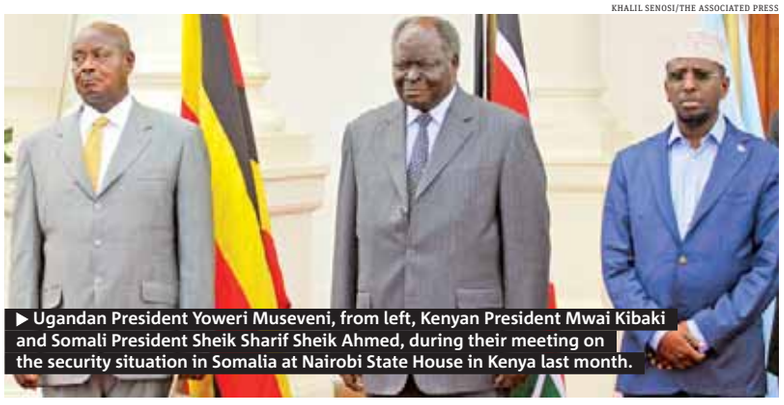

▶ Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, from left, Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki and Somali President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed, during their meeting on the security situation in Somalia at Nairobi State House in Kenya last month.

Somalia's war of 140 characters

Twitter the latest tool for terrorist groups, foreign military Attempt to harness power of social media

Somalia's war — or the propaganda one anyway — is increasingly being fought 140 characters at a time.

Al-Shabab, the Somalia-based militant Islamic group that espouses Al Qaeda ideology, created a stir on Twitter this week when it began posting under the name @HSMPress (Harakat Al-Shabaab Al Mujahideen Press Office).

"An army without experience, clear strategy & objective is fragile to winds of resistance & slightest confrontation precipitates defeat," read one tweet Thursday, criticizing Kenya's month-long battle with Shabab in southern Somalia.

The origins of the account remain unconfirmed but a press release from what is believed to be the group's media arm announced the account Wednesday. "Follow HSM Press Office on Twitter!" read the subject heading.

If indeed endorsed by Al-Shabab, it is the group's latest strike in the hearts and mind battle for Somalia after their group's popularity plummeted this year with the devastating famine. Many Somalis blame Al-Shabab for creating the humanitarian crisis by blocking outside emergency food aid.

Just 24 hours after creating the English Twitter account, @HSMPress had more than 600 followers, although most of the early subscribers were journalists and the overwhelming majority of Somalis are unlikely to follow since they do not have Internet access.

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Planes bomb bases in Somali town

Planes bombed bases belonging to al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab militants in a southern Somali town on Thursday, killing at least one person, residents said.

Bardhere town elder Abdi Aden said he heard the sound of planes and then explosions on Thursday.

He said he saw one dead man and three wounded ones being transported in a minivan. Many residents fled the town, he said.

One plane bombed a checkpoint and al-Shabab fighters there were firing guns at it, said resident Mohamed Hussein. Planes also bombed al-Shabab bases in the nearby forest, he said.

It was unclear who the planes belonged to, but Kenya has launched multiple bombing raids in Somalia since sending troops across the border in mid-October following a string of kidnappings on Kenyan soil.

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▶ Greenpeace activist Mikey Resato stands on a harpooned whale as crew members of a Japanese whaling vessel hose him down in the Southern Ocean in 2005. Greenpeace and other environmental groups are angry that Japan is spending millions from its tsunami reconstruction budget to fund the annual whaling hunt in the Antarctic Ocean.

Japan's whale hunt goes on — with disaster relief funds

Officials say the money is necessary to beef up security on whaling vessels Environmentalists say the move is taking money from victims

Japan is spending 2.3 billion yen (more than $30 million) from its supplementary budget for tsunami reconstruction to fund the annual whaling hunt in the Antarctic Ocean, a fisheries official confirmed Thursday.

Tatsuya Nakaoku, a Fisheries Agency official in charge of whaling, defended the move, saying the funding helps support Japan's whaling industry as a whole, including some whaling towns along the devastated northeastern coast. One ship on the hunt is based in Ishinomaki, a town hit badly by the March 11 tsunami, he said.

The budget request was made to bolster security and maintain the "stable operation" of Japan's research whaling, he said, which has faced increasingly aggressive interference from boats sponsored by the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society.

Greepeace blasted the move, saying it was siphoning money away from disaster victims.

Media reports said Japan's annual whaling expedition left Shimonoseki in southern Japan on Tuesday, with plans to cull 900 whales, mostly minke whales, which are not endangered.

But Coast Guard spokesman Masahiro Ichijo said this year's fleet is carrying "the biggest protection ever," including an unspecified number of Coast Guard officers, safety equipment and a Fisheries Agency patrol ship.

He said the announcement of the deployment of coast guard officials "would serve as a deterrent" against attacks by the conservationist groups.

"We have no intention to show off our capability to respond to their attacks or declare a fight," Ichijo said.

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Concerns about Fukushima plant were justified: Official

The leading U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission official in Japan says his team warned higher-ups that water could be seeping from a spent fuel pool at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant.

The condition of the spent fuel pool became a political controversy. Early on, NRC Chairman Gregory Jaczko told lawmakers that one pool holding hot radioactive nuclear fuel was dry, a development that would have significantly worsened the crisis.

Japanese officials denied it. The NRC later acknowledged that may have been wrong.

Spokesman Charles Casto said his team's warning was based on the best available circumstantial evidence and that the warning was not "unreasonable" considering the damage at the stricken plant.

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Sea warriors

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▶ The bow of the Ady Gil, a high-tech speedboat, was sheared off in a collision with a Japanese whaling ship in Antarctica last January.

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Clinton instigated protests: Putin

Says U.S. spending hundreds of millions to influence Russian politics • Clinton stands by criticism of election

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, facing the possibility of nationwide protests against his rule, on Thursday accused U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton of instigating demonstrators in the wake of the disputed parliamentary election.

The comments came as opposition supporters largely stayed off the streets after three nights of sizeable protests. No protests were seen in Moscow and only a small one where 10 people were arrested was reported in St. Petersburg.

But the wave of discontent — which has already undercut Putin's public persona of being both strong and beloved — may be far from cresting. More than 30,000 people have promised on a Facebook page to attend a Saturday protest in Moscow and similar rallies have been called for in more than 70 other cities.

Putin, in televised remarks, accused the U.S. of encouraging and funding the Russians protesting the alleged election fraud in Sunday's elections. By recently describing Russia's election as rigged, Clinton "gave a signal" to his opponents, said Putin, who also warned of a wider Russian crackdown on dissent.

"They heard this signal and with the support of the U.S. State Department began their active work," Putin said.

Putin's tough words show the deep cracks in U.S.-Russian ties despite President Barack Obama's efforts to "reset" relations with the Kremlin. Ahead of the election, President Dmitry Medvedev threatened to deploy missiles to target the U.S. missile shield in Europe if Washington failed to assuage Moscow's concerns about its plans.

Clinton has repeatedly criticized Sunday's parliamentary vote, saying "Russian voters deserve a full investigation of electoral fraud and manipulation."

Moscow has already put about 50,000 police and 2,000 paramilitary troops on the streets, backed by water cannons.

Putin warned that the government might take an even harder line against those who try to influence Russia's political process on behalf of a foreign government. "We are the largest nuclear power," Putin said. "And our partners have certain concerns and shake us so that we don't forget who is the master of this planet, so that we remain obedient and feel that they have leverage to influence us within our own country."

Russia's Kremlin-controlled television networks have largely ignored the demonstrations.

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▶ People pose with a protester wearing a mock mask depicting Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin during a rally in Thursday in downtown St. Petersburg, Russia.

Blame game

- Putin's attempt to rally support by blaming the United States for his troubles would find little support among ordinary Russians, said political analyst Dmitry Oreshkin.
- "Even in Soviet times, it did not work," Oreshkin said. "Now it won't work for sure."

Internet used to mobilize people

Aside from a mass protest near the Kremlin on Saturday called for by opposition groups to demand a vote recount, a map circulating on the Internet shows similar protests planned for Saturday in more than 75 cities around Russia, while a page on LiveJournal lists more planned protests in 15 countries around the world.

The use of the Internet to mobilize protesters in Russia is a new phenomenon.

Anton Nossik, a popular blogger and Internet expert, said it was not the Internet that energized the protesters but the brazen vote rigging that prompted many young Russians to express their discontent offline.

"They came out not because they read information (online) on where to show up for the first time, but because for the first time many people got the feeling that the time had come for that," Nossik said.

Sam Greene, director of the Center for the Study of New Media and Society in Moscow, said this week's protests in Moscow were a combination of online and offline social networks working together.

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Wild elephant kills tourist

People should remain at least 50 metres from animals, official warns

A pygmy elephant fatally gored an Australian tourist in a remote Malaysian wildlife reserve on Borneo island on Thursday.

Jenna O'Grady Donley, 25, died of injuries from the attack Wednesday at the Tabin Wildlife Reserve — the first known fatal incident of its kind in Malaysia's eastern Sabah state, said state wildlife department director Laurentius Ambu.

The wild male elephant was roaming alone around a volcano when Donley, a friend and their guide saw the animal while trekking near a resort. Donley, a veterinarian, is believed to have gone within 10 metres of the animal, which may have charged at her because it was alarmed by unfamiliar humans, Ambu said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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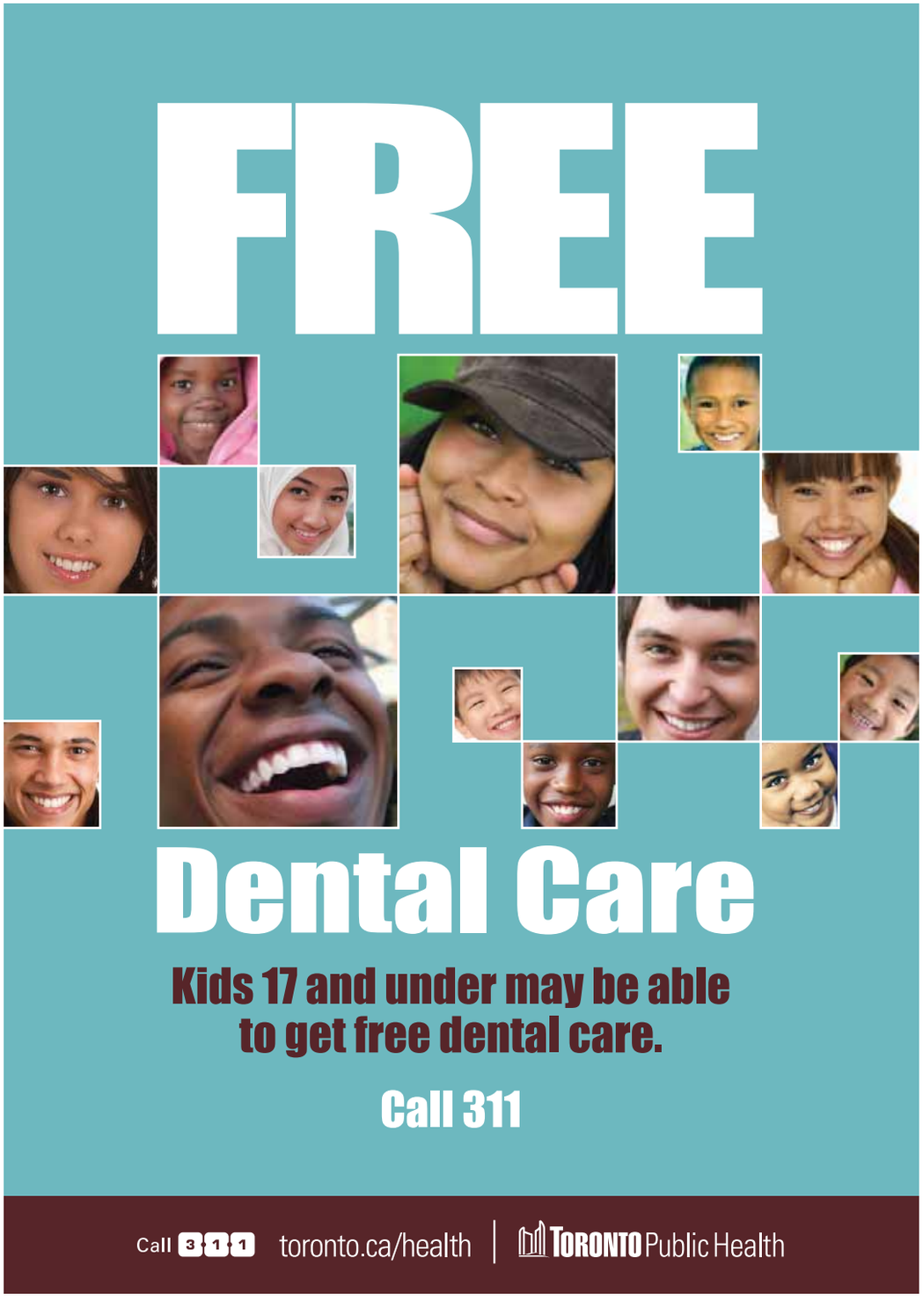
Two endangered pygmy elephants in Malaysia's Sabah state on Borneo Island.



U.S. bill to alter ban on sodomy

Recently passed U.S. Senate legislation would make sodomy and sex with animals legal under military law, ending long-standing prohibitions and triggering cries of perversion from conservative groups.

The bill would repeal Article 125 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which states that any person who engages in "unnatural carnal copulation with another person of the same or opposite sex or with an animal is guilty of sodomy." Those found guilty of sodomy would be subject to court-martial.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, a Democrat, said Thursday that the repeal was simply a legal change because it is no longer constitutional.

Conservative groups angered by the end this year of the ban on gays serving openly in the military were outraged by the proposed repeal of the sodomy provision. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Law changes

- **A 2003 Supreme Court** decision struck down a Texas ban on sodomy as an unconstitutional intrusion of privacy.
- **Changes in the law** were recommended by the Joint Services Committee on Military Justice and the secretary of defence.
- **Senate negotiators** are working to reconcile their version of the bill with the version passed by the House of Representatives.
- **Final legislation** would set policy for the Pentagon.
- **Senate passed the bill** 93-17 last week.

Europe's banks face higher target

EU leaders are forcing banks to raise €115 billion to restore confidence and restart normal lending

European banks have to raise about €115 billion to meet a new standard meant to inoculate the lenders against market turmoil, including bad government debt, a regulator said Thursday.

That's about €8 billion more than what the European Banking Authority previously estimated, and bank stocks around the continent plummeted as rumours of the figure circulated during late trading Thursday.

European banks have billions of euros of risky government bonds on their books, and, as the continent's crisis has deepened, investors have become increasingly concerned the lenders won't be able to weather all of the expected losses on those loans. That, in turn, has made banks wary of lending to one another — since they worry that one of their numbers could go under at any moment. When banks stop lending to one another and businesses, the entire economy seizes up.

The increase is largely due to a new calculation of the value of the bonds the banks hold: The previous estimate looked at the bonds' June value, while the new one takes into account the prices from the end of September. The value of many loans plummeted during the summer.

The money needs to be raised in order for banks to reach a nine per cent core Tier 1 capital ratio by the end of June — a measure of how much good capital a bank holds compared with its risky investments. The old requirement was just 5 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Target by country

Germany was hit the hardest. Its banks were asked to raise €13.1 billion — a dramatic increase from the previous €5.1 billion.

- **Greece is still in lead at** €30 billion, Spain follows with €26.2 billion, and Italy needs to hit a €15.4 billion target.
- **France's banks fared well** with a target of €7.3 billion, down from €8.8 billion.

▶ An opposition supporter is grabbed by a Congolese riot police officer outside Opposition Leader Etienne Tshisekedi's headquarters in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, yesterday.

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Violence brewing in Congo

After days of tension, anxiety remained high that Congo would descend into violence, with supporters of opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi vowing to take to the streets if President Joseph Kabila is declared the winner.

Outside the headquarters of Tshisekedi's party, police fired tear gas and live rounds to push back the agitated crowd earlier in the day, witnesses said.

Victory seemed certain for the incumbent based on partial returns. Those results, representing 90 per cent of the vote cast, gave Kabila a more than 14-point lead over Tshisekedi, who had 34 per cent.

Kabila's supporters were already holding a victory celebration before the election commission had named the winner. Instead of issuing results as promised Thursday, the country's election commission chief announced another one-day postponement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Caribbean seeks feedback

Destinations would be rated on things like beaches and accommodations

We already have Trip Advisor and other websites to share and find information about our favourite destinations. Now comes word the Caribbean Tourism Organization may go one further.

CTO executive director Hugh Riley told a press conference in Toronto yesterday that Caribbean countries are working on what's called a Total Visitor Satisfaction program, by which tourists can rate destinations on a variety of factors. The data will help destinations improve where their service or facilities are lacking.

Of course, it also will mean members of the public will see where a particular destination ranks, which could cause the odd political or public relations problem.

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▶ A monkey climbs on a young woman in the resort city of Cancun, Mexico, in this April 2010 file shot.

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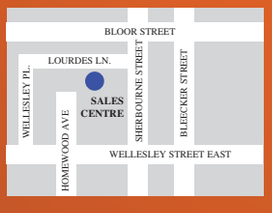

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Canadians oppose credit card surcharges: Survey

87% The Consumers Association poll found that 87 per cent of Canadians use credit cards.

Fewer than five per cent of Canadians believe retailers should be able to charge credit card holders extra for using plastic, a survey released Thursday by a consumer group suggests.

But the poll for the Consumers Association of Canada also indicated few Canadians are aware that the federal competition watchdog is pushing to have consumers pay a usage surcharge that is currently being paid for by retailers.

The Competition Bureau is challenging rules made by credit card companies that charge retailers between 1.5 and three per cent per credit card transaction — but prevent them from jacking up prices to offset the extra amount.

Retailers have applauded the bureau's move, saying that those who accept credit cards are punished with higher costs. But consumer groups argue removing the rules would allow individual businesses to impose unfair charges.

"Canadian merchants currently pay approximately $5 billion per year as part of their overhead for services provided by credit card companies," the group told respondents in their poll.

Altering the rules would allow retailers to tack on extra fees, boosting the cost of a $100 purchase to as much as $103 for those using credit cards. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Predators scare animals to death: Study

The fear of predators takes as heavy a toll on prey animals as does actually being eaten, says a study published Thursday.

In a finding that could affect wildlife management from wolves and elk to domestic cats and songbirds, a pair of Canadian researchers have concluded that the stress of living where they could be devoured at any time could be the biggest single limiting factor on populations of animals that are regularly hunted.

"Humans don't know the meaning of the word fear — not compared to the bird at that backyard feeder or a bunny in the forest," said Michael Clinchy, co-author of the paper. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quebec to impose tougher animal cruelty laws

The Quebec government is sharpening the teeth of its laws against animal cruelty.

Tougher fines that could go as high as $75,000 in serious cases are included in amendments to animal protection legislation tabled on Tuesday.

The bill aims to crack down on puppy mills, giving the government the power to close a kennel if it finds animals are being abused. THE CANADIAN PRESS

World's oldest dog dies

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Yumiko Shinohara holds Pusuke last December. Pusuke died Monday at 26 years and 8 months.

Pusuke passed away at the age of 26, or about 125 in human years

A dog believed to be the world's oldest living dog has died in Japan at the age of 26 years and eight months.

Owner Yumiko Shinohara told reporters at her home in Sakura, a city outside Tokyo, that Pusuke, a fluffy tan Shiba mix, died Monday after suddenly falling ill and refusing to eat.

Shinohara told TV network FNN that she "would just like to thank him for staying alive so long." The report said Pusuke's lifespan would have been the equivalent of about 125 years for a human.

According to Guinness World Records, the dog was born April 1, 1985.

Pusuke was recognized as the world's oldest living dog last December. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For the record

- **The Guinness World Record** for canine longevity belongs to an Australian cattle dog by the name of Bluey, owned by Les and Esma Hall from Victoria, Australia.
- **Bluey was obtained** as a puppy in 1910 and worked herding cattle and sheep for almost three decades before he passed away at the age of 29 years and five months, say Guiness officials.
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New movie platform getting poor reviews

- Users says Warner's UltraViolet doesn't deliver
- Confused consumers complain on Twitter

Warner Bros. is learning a hard lesson about launching an ill-conceived product in the age of social media.

When the studio introduced its first movies on the new "UltraViolet" format in October, consumers were led to believe they could buy a DVD or Blu-ray, register their ownership of the movie on the UltraViolet website and then receive— at no extra cost — a digital version that could play on their computer, tablet or mobile phone.

The studio's aim was to encourage people to purchase movies rather than rent them or subscribe to a streaming service. But UltraViolet didn't work as advertised.

Some users were confused because the process required them to register on the UltraViolet website as well as on another website called Flixster, a movie site owned by Warner Bros. Users had to install special software before they could view movies on their computers. To make matters worse, it didn't work as advertised for owners of Apple's iPhones and iPads.

Within days, befuddled consumers took to Twitter and the Internet to complain. Jarren Wood, an art student from Atlanta, tweeted that he felt "conned" and called UltraViolet "a horrible hoax." Blogger Bryan Darrow tweeted, "Flixster sucks. I want my digital copy."

Among thousands of posts about UltraViolet on social-media sites in the weeks following the Oct. 11 launch, only 3 per cent of comments were positive, according to Fizziology, a company that tracks buzz related to Hollywood movie releases. Some 17 per cent were negative and the rest were neutral. That's on par with the worst product receptions the firm has ever seen.

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Widow gives up fight for death penalty

Maureen Faulkner waited nearly 30 years for her husband's murderer to be executed. But on Wednesday Faulkner gave her blessing to the decision by Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams to stop pursuing the death penalty for Mumia Abu-Jamal, whose claim that he was the victim of a racist legal system made him an international cause celebre.

The 57-year-old former Black Panther convicted of gunning down white police Officer Daniel Faulkner will now spend the rest of his life in prison, without the possibility of parole.

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Will Ferrell plugs budget beer for free

Commercials filmed in Davenport, Iowa — population 99,685 Spots currently airing on local area TV

Funnyman Will Ferrell has made a series of low-budget TV ads for discount beer brand Old Milwaukee.

Old Milwaukee is the kind of brew Ferrell's aging frat-boy character in Old School might have shot-gunned at a party.

The biggest surprise? His fee: Exactly $0, according to a report. There was no immediate response from the brewery or Ferrell's agency to questions about why he did the ads.

In one ad, Ferrell wears a ratty T-shirt, jogging along a sign spelling out Davenport, using the letters to come up with words to describe Old Milwaukee. "D for drinkability. A for amber. V, very amber. E, pass. N, nah, no, I've got E, it's an everyman's beer. Nah, that's not good. N it's nice P … I can't do this. I told everyone I can't do this!" Ferrell shouts before the ad fades to black.

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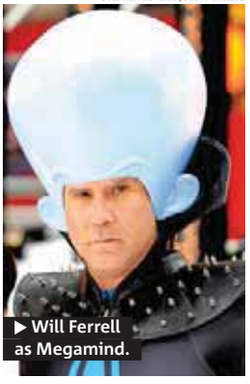

▶ Will Ferrell as Megamind.

In another, Ferrell sits on the banks of the Mississippi River with a fishing rod in his hand and a can of beer at his side. "When I'm not too busy being a big-time Hollywood phoney, I like to come out here to Davenport, and sit on my favourite log, and crack open an ice-cold old Milwaukee.… It's something I do. Well, truth be told, I've never been to Davenport. This is my first time but it's something I wanna do. Ya know. I mean it looks like something it would be fun to do, come out here and sit on a log and drink Old Milwaukee." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Canadians turning away from computers for web fix

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▶ A web page is displayed on an Apple iPhone in Toronto Thursday.

Accessing the Internet more and more through mobile phones, tablets and even televisions, experts say

For years, tech trend watchers have said Canadians are glued to their computers, spending more time on the Internet and watching more online video than any web surfers in the world.

That hasn't changed yet, but it appears Canadians are increasingly getting their web fix another way and will continue to do so in 2012.

After years of watching web use on desktop and laptop computers steadily climb in Canada, the growth is finally starting to slow, says Bryan Segal, vice president of the measurement firm comScore.

"I don't think interaction with digital is plateauing, I think it's just extending across different platforms and devices."

BRYAN SEGAL, VICE-PRESIDENT OF COMSCORE

"I think we're still in our infancy of mobile. We're going to be reaching the epicentre (of the trend) in 2012 and the beginning of 2013."

According to the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association, there were more than 25.5 million mobile phone subscribers at the end of the third quarter of this year, up by almost one million since the beginning of 2011.

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Economy at risk from euro crisis, BoC says

Central bank says, bluntly, Canadians need to start worrying about debt mess hitting home hard

Global financial conditions stemming from the debt crisis in Europe are deteriorating rapidly, placing Canada's economy under greater stress and Canadians with large debts at greater risk, warns the Bank of Canada.

The central bank's semi-annual financial-stability review says the spillover effects on the global economy touches every aspect of Canada's economic and financial system, from trade, to the financial system to consumer and business confidence.

A major area of concern for the bank is the high level of indebtedness of Canadian households that have taken advantage of the low interest rate environment of the past several years to buy homes, cars and other items on credit.

3.4%

Canadian banking sector's direct exposure to the debt problems in Europe are limited, ranging from virtually zero per cent of the capital they hold in the case of Greece and Portugal, to a high of 3.4 per cent with respect to Italy.

The bank says while credit growth has slowed recently, it worries that it continues to rise faster than incomes despite persistent admonitions from policy-makers that one day interest rates will rise, and monthly payments to service debt will increase. The bank expects household debt-to-income, which is now at a record 149 per cent to increase further.

That leaves Canadian households vulnerable to a shock, such as a sharp rise in unemployment caused by an economic slowdown or a significant decline in house prices, which would sap household wealth.

The bank also cautions that low interest rates and the weak performance of markets is putting the squeeze on pension plans, which are at a higher risk of being unable to meet their financial obligations.

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1 Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra: Classical music went all hip when Tourism Calgary and CPO, as part of its vocal warmup to a new season, asked followers on Twitter to tweet their advice for staying toasty this winter. CPO assembled the best 20 tweets, set them to an offbeat compilation version of O Fortuna, and posted their performance, Singing Tweets, to YouTube. It is believed to be the first professional Twitter chorus ever created. A tweetorus.

2 Heroes exhibit: Inspired by his nephew, who overcame brain cancer, artist/gallery owner Mark Gleberzon has launched an exhibit, Heroes: Real, Fictional and Close to Home, which runs through Dec. 31 at his MJG gallery in Toronto. It features works by 16 artists who have interpreted the theme "heroes," from comic book superheroes to soldiers who have given their lives to cyclists as heroes juxtaposed against city traffic. Inspiring.

3 Canada's first Free Shipping Day: Mark next Monday, Dec. 12 on your calendar as that's the day Free Shipping Day comes to Canada. Taking a page from the popular U.S. Free Shipping Day, it allows you to snap up last-minute deals from online merchants (see freeshippingday.ca for participating merchants) and receive free shipping with delivery by Christmas Eve. Yes, sick days and surfing online should be way up come next Monday.

4 New Year's Eve movie: Garry Marshall's new romantic comedy New Year's Eve opens this Friday, about love and lust on New Year's in Times Square. It stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Hilary Swank, Jessica Biel, Ashton Kutcher, Zac Efron, Halle Berry, Robert De Niro and more. As Ellen said on her show this week, "Literally everyone in the world is in this movie." In other words, this New Year's Eve better not be a bust.

5 Own the Green Bay Packers: They're coming off a Super Bowl win last year, and are unbeaten this year. So now is a great time for the publicly owned Green Bay Packers to set up a site PackersOwner.com, that allows Cheeseheads to buy "common stocks" (they're $250 per share) in their storied franchise. You'll be sent a 12-inch-by-8-inch certificate so that "you will be able to display your ownership with pride," according to the site. Xmas gift. In.

6 Top trending topics: What the Trend, Hootsuite's trend-spotting company, evaluated more than 200,000 Twitter hashtags to determine the top trending topics of 2011. The likes of Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga and Britney Spears are a few of the celebrities that made the Top 10. Thankfully, Kim Kardashian wasn't on this list. She should be on a Not Ever Trending Again list with Paris Hilton.

7 G N' R: With news that seminal rock band Guns N' Roses are among those being inducted into the Rock and Roll of Hall of Fame in 2012, comes new rumours of a possible reunion. I prefer to leave their Appetite For Destruction album in 1987 in high school, and not see a bloated Axl Rose ever take the stage again with Slash to perform Sweet Child O' Mine. Like rugger pants, some things really are better left in the past.

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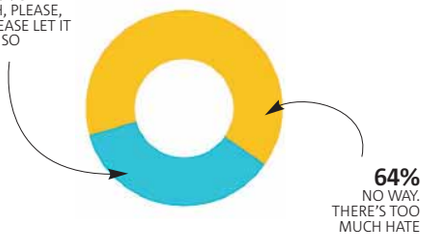
Do you think Slash and Axl will share the stage at the G N'R Hall of Fame induction?



Local tweets

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- **@cityslikr:** Have I said yet today how much I'm coming to admire the reasonableness of Cllr Lee? If not, shame on me. #TOpoli
- **@madhatressTO:** More cops? Oh wait #TOpoli RT @reporterdonpeat: Cllr Doug Ford asks speaker for any recommendations to clean up Seaton House #TOCouncil
- **@ClaireYYZ:** 3 mins is nowhere near enough time 2 make an argument re:cuts AND offer solutions... It would appear being informed isn't a priority #TOPoli
- **@sluu:** We don't have the greatest team to cheer for nor is he the best player but I'd be willing to rock a Magloire jersey! #Raptors #Magloire #TO
- **@I_am_Tyril_:** This is making me hate Colangelo even more! Other teams got nice players for trading their superstar, while the #Raptors got an egg... #SMH

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Fan of the bra goes a-bungee

LONDON. She got her eyes on the prize. This female bungee jumper and self-confessed lingerie fanatic took the plunge in front of a huge projection of model Adriana Cernanova at London's landmark Battersea power station on Wednesday. The jump was to launch the new Ultimate Plunge bra by Wonderbra. METRO WORLD NEWS

"I would have never done this for pure pleasure. I only did it because I won the competition!"
HEIDI SPEED, COMPETITION WINNER

'Bungee jump? That's a prize?!'

FEAR. Heidi, 29, mother of two, was one of three women who won an online competition to do the bungee jump. "I honestly didn't know what the prize was when I entered the competition," Heidi told Metro. "I was really nervous at the top, but a guy talked to me in a calm voice and told me it would be OK." METRO WORLD NEWS

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Celebrate the season with a glittering open house for family and friends that's also easy on the hostess

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The holidays are a wonderful time to hold a party for family and friends.

An open house lets your guests double-book if they have to during this busy time of year, says Robyn Green, Kai Event Management, Vancouver.

And an open house is also easier for the hostess. You can prepare many foods and nibbles ahead of time, space out serving them, and wander about and visit with guests.

Planning is the most important part, says Greta Podleski, co-author of The Looneyspoons Collection and other cookbooks.

FOOD

Stick to hot and cold appetizers and a couple of desserts. "Three hot appetizers, three cold appetizers and two desserts/sweets should be plenty of variety," says Podleski. "Make some, buy some" is a good strategy — "but always present premade, store-bought food in pretty bowls or on decorative plates."

BAR

Keep it simple — beer, wine and a couple non-alcoholic beverage choices.

DECOR

A metallic (silver or gold) colour theme will help make your event glitter.

Use silver or gold runners and napkins on your buffet table. Clear glass containers filled with sparkly ornaments look pretty and festive.

Fill a large, shallow silver bowl with pomegranates and tuck evergreen sprigs or holly berries between the fruit. Make a wreath for the front door by attaching silver bells to a circular form.

THE PODLESKIS' NEW COOKBOOK, THE LOONEYSPOONS COLLECTION, IS AVAILABLE AT INDIGO.CA

Mixed-Up Meatballs

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Ingredients:

Meatballs
- 1½ lbs (680 g) ground turkey or chicken
- ½ cup unseasoned dry bread crumbs
- ⅓ cup finely minced or grated onions
- ¼ cup minced fresh parsley
- 1 egg
- ½ tsp each garlic powder and dried marjoram
- ¼ tsp each salt and freshly ground black pepper

Sauce
- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) jellied cranberry sauce
- ¼ cup hickory or chipotle barbecue sauce (smoky)
- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tsp grated orange zest

Preparation:

1 In a large bowl, mix together ground turkey, bread crumbs, onions, parsley, egg, garlic powder, marjoram, salt and pepper (using your hands works best). Form mixture into bite-sized meatballs, about 1 to 1½ inches in diameter. You should end up with about 45 meatballs.

2 Place meatballs on a baking sheet that has been lightly coated with cooking spray. Bake at 400 F for 12 to 15 minutes or until cooked through. Stir meatballs once, halfway through cooking time, to brown sides. Remove from oven and transfer to a large pot.

3 In a small saucepan, combine cranberry sauce, barbecue sauce, lemon juice, soy sauce and orange zest. Cook over medium heat until cranberry sauce is melted and mixture is bubbly, about 5 minutes. Pour sauce over meatballs and stir gently until all meatballs are coated with sauce. Cover and simmer over low heat for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve hot. Makes 45 meatballs.

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Ingredients:
- 1½ cups graham crumbs
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 3 tbsp butter, melted
- ¼ cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 pkg (¼ oz/7 g) unflavoured gelatine
- 2 pkgs (8 oz/250 g each) light cream cheese
- 2 cups light (5%) sour cream
- 1 can (10 oz/300 mL) low-fat sweetened condensed milk
- Grated zest of one lemon
- 2 cans (19 oz/540 mL) cherry pie filling

Merry Cherry Cheesecake Preparation:

1 To make crust, combine graham crumbs and cinnamon in a medium bowl. Add melted butter and stir using a fork until crumbs are moistened. Spray a 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Press crumb mixture firmly and evenly over bottom of dish. Refrigerate while you prepare the filling.

2 Measure lemon juice in measuring cup. Sprinkle gelatine over lemon juice and let stand for one minute. Add ¼ cup boiling water. Mix well, until gelatine is dissolved. Set aside.

3 To make filling, beat together cream cheese and lemon juice mixture on high speed of electric mixer until smooth. Add sour cream, sweetened condensed milk and lemon zest. Beat again until well blended. Pour filling over prepared crust and spread to edges of pan. Cover and refrigerate for at least 3 hours until set. Spread cherry pie filling over cream cheese mixture. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes 18 squares.

RECIPE TIP: Take the cream cheese out of the fridge about 30 minutes before you make the cake.

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Born to be Wild Mushroom Pizza

Herbed wild mushroom appetizer pizza with hummus.

Preparation:

1 Preheat oven to 425 F. Drain tomatoes in a sieve, pressing down on them to remove as much liquid as possible. Set aside. They won't look pretty at this point, but that's OK.

2 Heat olive oil in a large, non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add onions and garlic. Cook and stir until onions have softened, 3 to 4 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook until mushrooms are tender, about 5 more minutes. Stir in thyme, rosemary, salt and pepper. Cook 1 more minute. Remove from heat.

3 To assemble pizza, spread hummus over pizza crust, leaving a ½-inch border. Top hummus with drained tomatoes. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over tomatoes. Spread mushroom mixture evenly over top, followed by mozzarella.

4 Place pizza directly on middle oven rack and bake for about 10 minutes, until cheese is completely melted and edges are lightly browned. Remove from oven to cutting board and let cool 1 minute before slicing. Slice into 12 thin wedges and serve immediately. Makes 1 pizza, 12 slices.

Ingredients:

- 1 can (19 oz/540 mL) diced tomatoes with Italian herbs
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 cup thinly sliced red onions
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 4 cups sliced wild mixed mushrooms (such as cremini, shiitake and portobello)
- 2 tsp each minced fresh thyme and fresh rosemary, or ½ tsp each dried
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- ¾ cup hummus
- 1 12-inch, prebaked, whole-grain, thin-crust pizza shell
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan, Romano or Asiago cheese
- ¾ cup packed shredded light mozzarella or provolone cheese (3 oz/85 g)

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ANDROIDS ARE TAKING OVER THE WORLD

There's a lot of talk that Google's innovative mobile platform Android is becoming the number one smartphone platform in the world. And for good reason.

Earlier this year, Google announced that 400,000 new Android devices are being activated every day. That adds up to about 200 million Android devices in use around the world today!

In Canada, comScore, a measurement firm, also recently reported that Android doubled its share of the smartphone market between June to September. And, research company Gartner Inc. says Android represents 52.5 per cent of the worldwide smartphone market.

So what makes Android so successful?

First, the operating system is not tied to a specific manufacturer, so there's a wide selection of devices for consumers to choose from. Mobilicity, for example, carries Android smartphones made by HTC, Nokia and Samsung.

There are also a wide range of price points, from super affordable smartphones, such as the ***Samsung Galaxy Mini ($169.99 at Mobilicity)***, to more premium-priced phones like the ***Samsung Nexus S ($349.99 at Mobilicity)*** and ***HTC Amaze 4G ($549.99 at Mobilicity).***

Here's what else makes Android's appeal so wide-reaching:

KEYBOARDS

Choose from both touchscreen and touch/QWERTY models. Some Android smartphones even come with handy keypad apps, like Quicktype by Swype, which comes pre-installed on the Samsung Galaxy Mini. It lets you quickly "swipe" from letter to letter to form a word rather than having to tap on each touchscreen key — making sending texts and emails a breeze.

CUSTOMIZATION TOOLS

Android makes it easy to set up the device to your liking. The intuitive TouchWiz on the Samsung Galaxy Mini, for example, lets you customize your home screen with widgets.

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Android smartphones have smooth and easy compatibility with all Google services, including the free Google Navigation with turn-by-turn instructions, YouTube, Google Search and many others. With Mobilicity's unlimited data, you can access these features as often as you need to.

APPS GALORE

There's a never-ending supply of apps — 320,000 free and paid apps at the Android Market; or you can download apps from other sources to customize your Android the way you want it!

VOICE ACTIVATION

The free Voice Search app lets you search your phone, the web and nearby locations, by speaking into the device instead of typing. For example, you can tell your Samsung Nexus S smartphone what to send by text message — and it will. Now that's smart.

MEDIA

Android makes it easy to load and play music and movies, with support for most common video file formats. Cameras range from the 5-Megapixel camera with autofocus and LED flash on the Samsung Nexus S to the 8-Megapixel HD camera and bonus 2-Megapixel front-facing camera on the HTC Amaze.

FOUR TO EXPLORE

Samsung Galaxy Mini is a great quality Android at an affordable price. Its 3.14-inch Touch Screen with Touchwiz technology makes the interface highly responsive to touch. The 600 MHz processor supports Flash video.
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PhotoFunia is an online photo editing tool that's great fun. Upload any photo and the app adds photo effects — for a funny photo montage. Want to see what you'd look like as Santa? A Skateboarder? A Zombie? Check it out. More than 200 scenes and effects for hours of fun! ***Free***

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YELP

Yelp is a fun way to find and talk about great (and not so great) local businesses like restaurants, bars and shops; also spas, live shows and galleries. The whole idea is to preview places you're considering and see what other people think of them before you go to potentially save you time and money on a place that might not be up to par. ***Free***

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FLASH! **Android smartphones support Adobe Flash — which makes for a better web experience!**

Be social, but on your best behaviour

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The social holiday party is generally such a pleasure compared to the office party, but, yet, there are some simple guidelines that are important to follow to help ensure you have a great time and still hold your head up proudly at your kid's next soccer game!

Like any party, RSVP as soon as you get the invitation and never arrive early — fashionably late (15 minutes) is a good thing.

If appropriate, bring something like a box of chocolates, homemade cookies, a bottle of wine or a potted plant, favourite book or present for fido the dog, but never bring cut flowers, as this puts a burden on the hostess to have to arrange them and place them at the last minute.

If you are going to drink, make sure you make arrangements ahead of time on how you are going to get home — taxi, transit, or a non-drinking friend.

Now the perfect hostess will try to mingle to make sure everyone is having a good time, but the good guest should also make an effort to mingle and not sit in the corner with a group or monopolizing a guest just for themselves.

Don't be the last guest to leave, and if you see your host is all by themselves without help, always offer to do something in the kitchen or at the bar.

Myself, I love to be the barman if I don't know anyone at the party — this gives me something to do, and I get the opportunity to meet everyone. So after doing the bar for an hour or so, when I pass it along to someone else, I now know the crowd and can figure out who I might like to approach and talk with.

This has been a successful technique for me in the past and helps in getting to know people while having a great time at a social party where I didn't know many people.

Enjoy the party!

ISTOCK/THINKSTOCK

❄ Follow Charles The Butler's simple guidelines to enjoy yourself at a holiday party.

Don't be the talk of your office party

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❄ **Getting drunk, acting silly or any other non-professional behaviour should be avoided at your office holiday party. Being known as the office clown is never a good thing, particularly at promotion time next year.**

Oh, yes, the annual office holiday party! This can either be a disaster waiting to happen or an opportunity for business success.

First and foremost, despite the name, a holiday party is still a business function and getting drunk, acting silly or any other non-professional behaviour is out. Remember, these are your working peers and bosses, and being known as the office clown from the annual holiday party is never a good thing, particularly at promotion time the following year!

So keep the number of alcoholic drinks under control. I like the rule of two alcoholic drinks at a cocktail party and three alcoholic drinks for a sit-down dinner. Try to pace these out by having a non-alcoholic drink between each alcoholic beverage.

Keep your conversation pleasant. You can talk about a large number of items and, in fact, the best lesson to learn if you are nervous about what to talk about is to read Metro from cover to cover the morning of your party. Why you ask?

Because this gives you a bunch of topics to talk about that are all current and relevant. What not to talk about always remains the same in a professional environment. Never talk about politics or religion.

Dress festively and appropriately for the function as per the invitation, but err on the conservative side rather than flashy.

It is important to make a point and mingle, greet and acknowledge all of the senior members of your company at the party. A simple hello and how much you love working at the company or thank you for inviting me to such a wonderful office party will do, but don't forget to say hello, shake hands and smile.

Finally, last but never least, have a good time and enjoy yourself; this will be evident to everyone around you.

WHY CAN'T STREET KIDS JUST GET A LIFE?

We've all asked that question before at some point when walking by a street kid. Why can't they just get off the street? Why can't they grow up and take some responsibility by going to school and getting a job? Well, imagine being that street kid for a second. Getting a life is not a simple snap of the fingers. It isn't easy to just get a job or an education. And they can't always just go home. For street kids, every day is survival. Their life is based on simply getting through it. Finding food and shelter is their job, and even overcoming that doesn't put them in any kind of position to find stability in their lives. Getting off the street is just the beginning. So let's start from the beginning. We'll call this kid Steve. Steve's day starts at sunrise in a public park. The sun hits him dead in the eye and he wakes up shivering. This morning, Steve's exhausted and he needs to get out of the wind. He scours the alleyways in his area and finally settles on one. It seems perfect and he can't remember why he doesn't sleep there more often. He finds a spot, puts his head down and begins to doze off. The sounds of the city fade. He falls asleep. He dreams. In this fleeting moment, everything is OK. He's in his old home, in a warm bed, everyone's calm and there's breakfast waiting for him when he decides to – "Get up, kid," says the police officer standing over Steve. Steve opens his eyes as the officer informs him that he needs to clear out immediately. Steve rubs his eyes. Now he remembers the problem with this alleyway. He stands, picks up his things and starts his day again. Steve can't stop thinking about his dream. But that's all it was. Nothing like his actual life at home. He can still feel the pain from his father's fists. Hear his mother's screams. Steve manages to snap back into reality, but reality isn't any better. At least it isn't winter yet. The very thought of spending all winter on the street sends chills down Steve's spine. There have been days when the shame has been too much, when Steve tried to find a way out. Steve recalls a day a few months earlier when he had gotten enough food and rest. So, he wanted to do what so many strangers have told him to do before – get a job. Steve was walking down the street when he noticed a convenience store with a "Help Wanted" sign in front of it. Steve took a deep breath and walked into the store. He went straight to the cashier at the front and asked about the sign. The owner told Steve that he sees him on the streets every day. That he must have been insane to think anyone would hire a stupid, lazy homeless kid. Steve slunk out and glanced back behind him at the "Help Wanted" sign. He didn't understand why no one would give him a chance. He doubted himself to the point where he began to wonder if he would even be able to trust the person who did. Steve hears a car's honk that snaps him back to an all too familiar reality. He's out of money again. He has no place to go. He feels physically and mentally beaten. And soon it will be nightfall. Soon he'll have to do it all over again. This is just a glimpse into Steve's struggle and the struggle that so many homeless youth face. There is no living, only surviving. And when you're trying to survive on the street, every little thing is an obstacle. Every time you beg for change, every time you go to the bathroom, every time you want to sleep, eat or drink – nothing comes easy. For many kids like Steve who want a way out, the struggle to meet basic needs is only the beginning. The coming days, weeks and months provide hurdles even harder to overcome. The physical pain may lessen in leaving the street behind but the mental anguish is constant when trying to forge a new life. Getting an education, applying for a job, admitting that you need counselling – these are hard for anyone. When you have to do all these things from scratch, the frustration can mount as fast as the confidence can fade. From learning how to stay warm in that first winter on the street to the first day back at school, from deciding whether to steal food or pass out from hunger to deciding where to get a shirt to wear for that first job interview, there are endless obstacles for homeless youth.

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Subtle holiday touches for your home

KARL LOHNES
FOR METRO

Want to add a festive touch to your house without going overboard too early? Try implementing basic elements slowly; creating a buildup to Christmas rather than unleashing everything at once.

Here are a few simple ideas to get you prepped for the upcoming holidays.

Simple greens

The basis to most holiday décor is fresh greens, flowers and, of course, a tree. Layer your holiday décor slowly by incorporating artificial greens early into the season. Good looking artificial greens are a great investment as they last the entire holiday season without care. Pottery Barn's pre-lit boxwood garland (runs on a battery), $90, can be swaged over the door entrance or made into two fresh-looking wreaths. Keep the look simple; then add holiday ornaments closer to the holidays to create a more festive mood.

A tall modern vase filled with red dogwood branches, shiny salal leaves or dried pine cones is a way to bring a touch of nature inside without overloading the house with festivities.

Holiday lights

Small, white twinkle lights are a great way to add sparkle and shine to a room and you don't have to only use them on a tree; try wrapping LED lights around large grapevine balls (purchased at craft stores) and fill an unused fireplace; string your lights around a large foyer mirror.

Got some vintage coloured string lights? Fill a large crystal bowl with them and plug in for a vintage-inspired centrepiece.

❄ Pottery Barn's pre-lit boxwood garland. Crabtree & Evelyn's Windsor Forest candle, left, and hazelnut flavoured Bailey's for your guests.

Scent it up

Creating a subtle holiday environment is easy when you create scents of the season. Look for scents from nature like Crabtree & Evelyn's Windsor Forest candle, $30, which offers up the sweet smell of an English forest. If you have an artificial tree then the tree scent is a necessity.

Guest ready

Got a guest room? Get it ready by freshening up bed and bath linens, add a mattress topper for some extra comfort and add a tabletop Christmas tree for holiday ambience.

Speaking of having people over, it's time to stock your bar with the season's newest and best; try the new hazelnut flavoured Baileys — it's flavoured with natural aromatics and does not include traces of nuts. Flavouring your own vodka is fun, too; add dried cranberries and lemon rind to plain vodka; seal and store in a dry, cool place for at least two weeks.

Look to dollar stores for purchasing extra glassware for entertaining; glass is classy, plastic is not.

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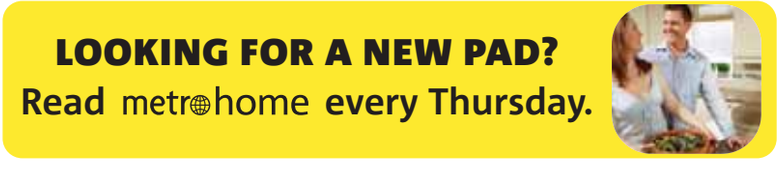

Big Bang for the cinephile

KEITH CARMAN
FOR METRO

Motion pictures: The gift that keeps on giving.

To a true Hollywood devotee, though, regular old DVDs rarely cut it. They are nowhere near comparable to the Mega-Platinum Everything-But-The-Kitchen-Sink box sets that seem to come out around the same time snow starts piling up at our doorsteps.

This year is no exception, of course, so with that, keep these bona fide flicks in mind when looking for something to turn your film freak starry-eyed this holiday season.

Current

Harry Potter: The Complete Eight-Film Collection
Warner

A full decade and eight feature films into this legacy, few need introduction to the bespectacled wizard and his spellbinding saga. However, even with latest series-capper Deathly Hallows only coming out recently, Warner announces that as of Dec. 29, all Harry Potter films will disappear from store shelves. Grab The Complete Eight-Film Collection fast, before even magic can't bring it back.

Classic

Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory 40th Anniversary Ultimate Collector's Edition
Warner

With a title that long, it has to be great. Yes, we are all familiar with the inimitable Roald Dahl tale as performed by Gene Wilder, yet when packed with multiple extras in a double-wide numbered gift set, who can resist? We will all feel like Veruca Salt pining for the hours of extras, including a retro Wonka Bar-shaped tin box with scented pencils and eraser.

Cartoon

Mr. Magoo — The Television Collection 1960-1977
Shout! Factory

Whether fondly reminiscing or introducing a new generation to this goofy glasses-needing cornball, Mr. Magoo is a wealth of innocent animated fun. The Television Collection is a true opus of fun, boasting 30-plus hours of sticky situations.

Television

The Big Bang Theory, Seasons One To Four
Warner

Catching on faster than a malicious meme, this sitcom has turned two unlikely nerds into modern day heroes ... when we can understand their intellectual jargon. This mega-box set is fleshed out with actor-on-actor interviews, a focus on song creators The Barenaked Ladies and a gag reel, creating 48-plus hours of Einstein-worthy hilarity.

Horror

Friday The 13th: The Ultimate Collection
Paramount

No, it's not exactly in keeping with the holiday spirit, but even horror hounds deserve something this season. Heeding the call, The Ultimate Collection delivers with splatter film star Jason Voorhees and all 10 of his Friday The 13th flicks served up in a gruesome package.

70-inch Sharp Aquos Quattron, $3,299, left, Samsung BD-D7000 3-D Blu-ray Player, $349, right, Apple TV, $119, bottom.

Channel your Holiday spirit

MIKE YAWNEY
FOR METRO

Going out to see a movie is always nice, but bringing that theatre experience home is something you can enjoy year-round. If you were really good this year, maybe Santa will spruce up that aging home theatre for you.

Here are our picks to help you bring the cinematic experience home for the holidays.

55-inch LG Cinema 3-D LED TV — $1,599

As the technology matures, the price of 3-D TVs continues to drop. You don't have to break the bank this holiday season in order to put a 3-D TV under the tree. LG sets itself apart from the rest by offering passive 3-D technology in its Cinema series televisions. The glasses are cheap, lightweight and much easier on the eyes than traditional 3-D glasses. The TV comes loaded with useful apps such as Netflix, so you will be guaranteed to have something to watch after you are done opening all the presents!

70-inch Sharp Aquos Quattron — $3,299

If you think bigger is better then look no further than the 70-inch Sharp Aquos Quattron. This LED TV is ideal for those who want a large picture but don't have the appropriate setup for a projector. Sharp's Quattron technology adds a fourth (yellow) pixel into the mix for more vivid yellows and more vibrant blues. A matte screen also ensures glare from light sources is reduced. You can also purchase this television in an incredibly large 80-inch model.

24-inch PlayStation 3-D LED Display — $499

The first PlayStation branded monitor! This display will change the way you game. Say goodbye to split screen! SimulView technology filters out your opponent's screen so two players can play the same game at the same time yet only see their own full screen action. Cheating is now a thing of the past. This HD monitor comes with two pairs of 3-D glasses, HDMI cable and Motorstorm Apocalypse for the PS3.

Samsung BD-D7000 3-D Blu-ray Player — $349

A small but mighty Blu-ray player! In fact, it's not much larger than a Blu-ray disc! This player features 2D-to-3D Up Conversion, so even your old Blu-ray movies can be viewed in 3-D. Connect your device to your wireless network and open up even more features such as apps, wireless streaming or the playback of various types of video, music, and image files via the USB port. One of the nicest features has to be the Ultra-Fast Play, which brings you to the main screen of your movie in just three seconds from the time you insert the disc. Now that's fast!

Apple TV — $119

Stream your purchased iTunes content directly to your television. HD movies, TV shows and music can now all be enjoyed on the big screen. Have an iPad, iPod Touch or iPhone? You can wirelessly stream your content (standard definition and high definition) directly to your Apple TV through Apple's AirPlay technology. Of course, you can also use Apple TV to access Netflix, YouTube, Vimeo and live Major League Baseball games. The user interface is simple enough for anyone to navigate whether you are young or old.

LG Smart TV Upgrader — $99.99

Disappointed your older flat screen TV doesn't have all the bells and whistles of the newer models? LG's Smart TV Upgrader makes any TV a Smart TV. Web browsing, apps, and premium video-on-demand services can be added to your TV through a single HDMI port.

Sony Personal 3-D Viewer — $799

Imagine always having the perfect seat in the movie theatre! Now you can with your very own 3-D Viewer from Sony. Two 0.7-inch OLED screens sit in front of your eyes, but your brain tricks you into thinking you are staring at a 150-inch movie screen 12 feet away. The viewer offers full 5.1 surround sound.

55-inch LG Cinema 3-D LED TV, $1,599, far left, Sony Personal 3-D Viewer, $799, top left, 24-inch PlayStation 3-D LED Display, $499.

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Synopsis

It's Dec. 31 and we follow the stories of Robert De Niro as a terminally ill man; Halle Berry as his kindly nurse. Then there's odd couple Michelle Pfeiffer and Zac Efron, anxiety-ridden Hillary Swank, ex-lovers Katherine Heigl and Jon Bon Jovi and even Ryan Seacrest pops up playing — who else? — himself. Have we left anyone out? Probably. There are more stars here than in the heavens, but rest assured, by the end of the movie, stories have woven together and no hearts are broken.

Ratings:
Richard: ½
Mark: 🌐

HANDOUT

▶ Josh Duhamel gets a last-minute adjustment in the film New Year's Eve.

Reel Guys

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Dropping the ball?

Impressive collection of stars in New Year's Eve But film devoid of real emotion

Richard: Mark, this mishmash of easy sentiment, romance, illness, musical numbers and product placement flip-flops from story to story so often, it's like a five-year-old grabbed the remote and is wildly channel surfing. It's not so much a movie as it is a cavalcade of familiar names in situations geared to make you understand why everybody hates Dec. 31. Am I being too cynical?

Mark Breslin: Oh, Richard, what's the matter with you? You mean you don't like shoddy writing, implausible plot lines, cameos masquerading as script development, and a general tone of emotional manipulation? The movie screams "BOGUS" from the opening "inspiring" shots of the Statue of Liberty to the hack credit roll outtakes.

You know what's odd? I kind of liked Valentine's Day, the earlier, funnier, more touching version of this Garry Marshall shmaltzfest. Here's a challenge: did you find anything to like?

RC: Well... let me see. I thought Zac Efron was passably charming and a couple of the outtakes at the end are funnier than anything contained in the actual movie. But there are Walmart commercials with more real emotion than director Gary Marshall manages to bring to this manipulative mess.

MB: And I didn't mind the scenes between Ashton Kutcher and Lea Michele. Trapped in an elevator, at least the movie slows down long enough for a few real moments to break through. And Larry Miller was funny as the tow truck operator.

But back to the travesties: Russell Peters hiding behind an accent he swore he'd never do; Michelle Pfeiffer's stupid bucket list; Robert DeNiro's bathetic hospital scenes; but the worst was Hilary Swank's "love" speech to the assembled Times Square multitude.

I've lived in New York, and believe me, the crowd wouldn't have applauded politely — they would have hurled obscenities at her. Which would have been a much better scene!

RC: It certainly is a New York-centric flick. Even NYC mayor Bloomberg gets into the action.

By the time he kicks off the New Year's Eve countdown with the words, "Let's drop the ball," its already abundantly clear that Garry Marshall already dropped the ball with this movie.

MB: Very funny, Richard!

I think a better version of the movie would have been scenes of Garry Marshall convincing all those Hollywood stars to work for a fraction of their rate card.

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Scene in brief

Emma Watson's advice to teenagers is: "feel comfortable in your own skin." The 21-year-old Harry Potter star, on her second visit to Hong Kong, told reporters Thursday: "Be true to who you are and do the best to feel comfortable in your own skin. You are all right exactly as you are."
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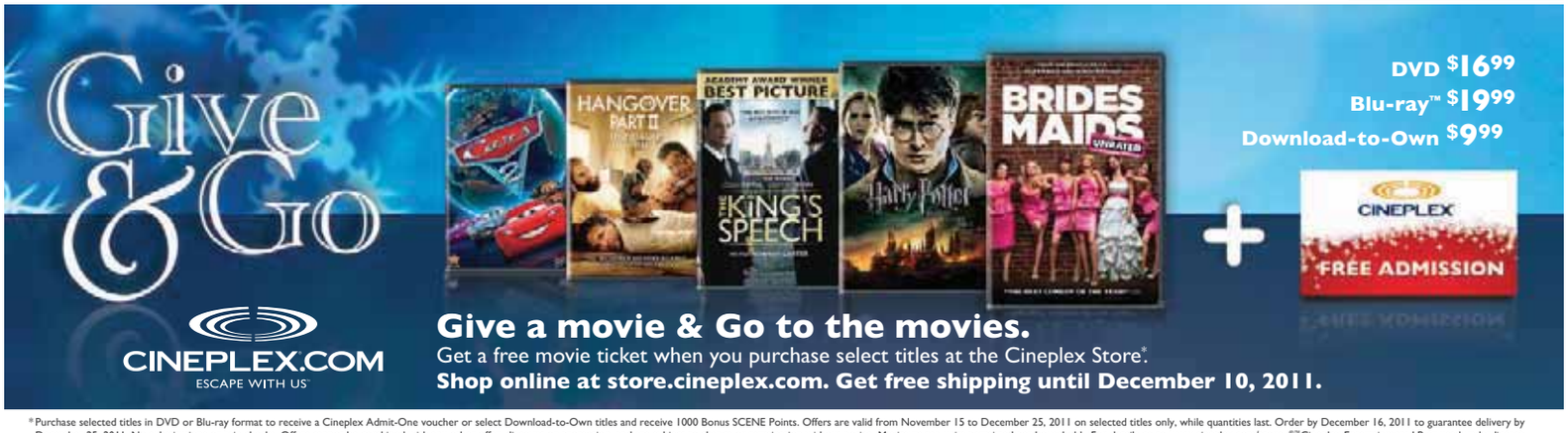
Robocop actor Peter Weller joining sequel to hit Star Trek movie due out in 2013



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Downey Jr. dusts off his deerstalker

Actor reprises his role as Sherlock Holmes Here, his thoughts on dressing in drag, working with Jude Law

RICHARD CROUSE
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Robert Downey Jr. knows how to work a room. I notice this while at the swanka-delic Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills for a press conference to celebrate the release of Sherlock Holmes: Game of Shadows.

It's a packed panel, including co-stars Noomi Rapace (the original Girl With the Dragon Tattoo) and Jared Harris, mega producer Joel Silver and Downey's business and life partner Susan. Between them there are untold Oscar nominations and hundreds of millions in box office returns, but that doesn't mean squat when Downey enters and takes centre stage.

All eyes — and 90 per cent of the questions — go to him. Midway he feigns embarrassment at the attention and says, "Why doesn't someone ask Joel Silver a question?"

Why? Because Downey is the most quotable, funny and memorable person in the room, that's why.

Here's a sample of what he had to say.

On making sequels:
"There should be a whole online support team for anyone who has ever been involved in making a second part to a first that worked. There is so much to learn. The greatest disguise was us disguising ourselves as consummate by-the-numbers professionals when, in fact, we're all incredibly eccentric."

When asked to talk about performing Sherlock Holmes's drag scenes:
"I guess we're not talking about this as one of the most important films of the year. I put on some makeup. How are we going to get nominated with these kinds of questions?"

On improving on set:
"I think the goal is to make a well-written scene seem improvised, or to find things in the room you couldn't have known until you get in the real situation and just try and improve things as you go along."

HANDOUT

▶ Robert Downey Jr., left, and Jude Law are Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson.

On why his co-star was absent:
"Jude (Law) would have been here, by the by, but his son had a soccer game."

On keeping the set "green":
"I just remember that every animal that was harmed was promptly taxidermied and sent as a gift to one of the many ecological companies who have these huge concerns that I validate."

On working with Jude Law and director Guy Ritchie:
"Jude and I are pretty close, but Guy and I are practically brothers. There have been times I have wanted to lob off his head with a machete."

On collaborating with his director and fellow actors:
"It was a democracy in the truest and most frustrating and most rewarding sense of the word."

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Movie reviews

See it twice ●●●●● | See it now ●●●● | Worth watching ●●● | Yawn ●● | Don't bother ●

The Sitter

Genre: Comedy
Director: David Gordon Green
Stars: Jonah Hill, Sam Rockwell
●●½

In The Sitter, Jonah Hill plays a likeable, albeit contemptuous drop-out reluctantly babysitting three even more disdainful kids.

But when his hideous girlfriend lures him to score her cocaine, the night turns into a crass journey of misadventures. Simply put, The Sitter plays solely as a vehicle for Hill to perform the chubby-guy-talking-trash shtick he's mastered since Superbad. If that works for you, sit tight and enjoy him in his pejorative prime.

STEVE GOW

The Artist

Genre: Drama
Director: Michel Hazanavicius
Stars: Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo, John Goodman
●●●●

Black and white; silent; set in silent-era Hollywood; and subtitled, The Artist may not scream mainstream must see, but it's one of the year's most gloriously memorable films. This French jewel is magical, pure and dreamy on the surface, blazing emotion and irrevocable change underneath. Dujardin is Valentin, the toast of Tinseltown, a matinée idol who charms the birds out of the fake trees that line Mulholland Drive. But he's about to lose it all if he can't make the cut to sound. The Artist feels like a fairy tale, something you're watching in a theatre and it is 1927.

ANNE BRODIE

Sleeping Beauty

Genre: Drama
Director: Julia Leigh
Stars: Emily Browning, Rachael Blake, Ewen Leslie
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Sleeping Beauty, the disagreeable first film from director Julia Leigh, wants desperately to be taken seriously but is, instead, simply a collection of ideas and characters roaming the screen searching for a purpose or a story.

Sucker Punch's Emily Browning stars as Lucy, a lost young woman who allows herself to be drugged into unconsciousness for the sexual pleasure of older men. Like the character, the movie itself appears to be searching for meaning.

RICHARD CROUSE

Paul Goodman Changed My Life

Genre: Documentary
Director: Jonathan Lee
Stars: Paul Goodman
●●½

Resurrecting a lost hero of the '60s-left, this doc explores the complicated public and personal life of Paul Goodman, perhaps best known for his book Growing Up Absurd and a co-founder of gestalt-therapy. Although exhaustively researched, heartfelt testimonials from academics and political activists are unable to contextualize Goodman for today and leaves viewers wondering why they should care.

IAN GORMELY

Into the Abyss

Genre: Documentary
Director: Werner Herzog
Stars: Jason Burkett, Werner Herzog, Michael Perry
●●●●

The notably idiosyncratic German director Werner Herzog has made a relatively straightforward documentary about the fallout of a triple homicide in Houston, Texas; if Herzog still uses this real-life tragedy as a way to access his usual themes about the elasticity of truth and the eccentricity of human behaviour, he admirably keeps his usual rhetorical and visual flourishes in check. This is a rigorous, perceptive film — one of the strongest non-fiction efforts of the year.

ADAM NAYMAN

Magic to Win

Genre: Fantasy
Director: Wilson Yip
Stars: Louis Koo, Bak-Ming Wong, Chun Wu
●●½

This teen-friendly mash up of genres from Hong Kong is part Harry Potter, part ghost story, and part girls' underdog volleyball team-that-could. At the centre is errant elemental magic that creates chaos transferring from person to person, via cellphone, physical proximity and even bad weather. A magician's attempts to hoard the magic to go back in time cause weird, wacky results. Plenty of eye candy, explosions, and balls of flying magic enliven an otherwise ho hum, confused outing.

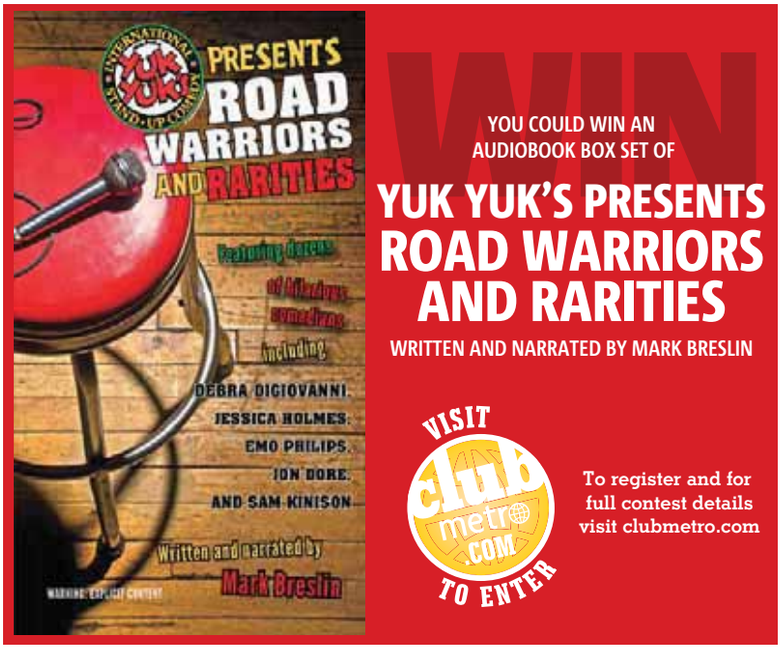
ANNE BRODIE

The Eye of the Storm

Genre: Drama
Director: Fred Schepisi
Stars: Geoffrey Rush, Charlotte Rampling, Dustin Clare
●●●½

There's a taste of King Lear in The Eye of the Storm. The similarities in the family dynamic are obvious; terminally ill socialite Elizabeth (Charlotte Rampling), lords over her cash-hungry kids, lecherous stage star Sir Basil (Geoffrey Rush) and down-on-her-luck princess Dorothy (Judy Davis). But beyond that, there is a theatricality to the movie that works well for the material. Normally I would find the movie's monologues and posturing distracting, but it is a pleasure to watch Rush, Davis and Rampling clearly relishing the opportunity to immerse themselves in their roles.

RICHARD CROUSE



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DOWNTOWN

BLOOR THEATRE
506 Bloor St., 416-516-2330

Listings not available at press time.

CARLTON
20 Carlton St., 416-494-9371

50/50 (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-7:15
Arthur Christmas (G) Fri-Thu 1:35-3:50-6:40-9
Drive (18A) Fri-Tue 1:55-4:25-7:25-9:35 Thu 1:55-4:25-7:25-9:35
The Guard (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:35-6:55-9:05
The Ides of March (14A) Fri-Thu 4:30-9:40
Immortals (18A) Fri-Thu 4:20-9:45
Melancholia (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-6:45-9:30
Midnight in Paris (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-7:10
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:20
Take Shelter (STC) Fri-Thu 3:55-9:15
The Way (STC) Fri-Thu 1:25-4-7-9:25
The Women on the 6th Floor (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-7:05

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

Café de Flore (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:50
The Eye of the Storm (STC) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:45-9:30
Sleeping Beauty (R) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:30-9
Surviving Progress (R) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7-9:20

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

50/50 (14A) Fri-Sat 7:05-9:35 Sun 1:50-4:35-7:05-9:35 Mon 1:05-3:30-9:15 Tue 1:05-3:35-7:05-9:35 Wed 1:05-3:35-9:15 Thu 1:05-3:35-6:05-8:50-11:30
The Descendants (14A) Fri 3:40-6:20-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 1:05-3:40-6:20-9:10
Hugo (PG) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:15 Sun 4:40-7:30-10:15 Mon 1:50-6:15-9:15 Tue-Wed 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:15 Thu 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:45
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:30
Immortals 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:40
J. Edgar (PG) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:45 Sat 6:45-9:45 Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Mon-Wed 3:45-6:45-9:45 Thu 3:45-9:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01
Puss in Boots: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) Fri 2:10-4:20-7-9:20 Sat 2:10-4:10-7-9:20 Sun-Mon 2:10-4:20-7-9:20 Tue 2:10-4:20-7 Wed 2:10-4:20 Thu 2:10
Shame (18A) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:20-9:50
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:40-4-6:30-9 No Passes Wed 1:40-4-6:30-9:40 No Passes Thu 1:40-4-7 No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:10-5:20-7:40-10
Top Gun (STC) Mon 7
Tower Heist (PG) Fri 1-3:30-6:10-8:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-6:10-8:40 Mon-Thu 1-3:30-6:10-8:40
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Tue 1:30-3-4:15-6-7:15-8:50-10:05 Wed 1:30-3:05-4:15-6-7:15-8:50-10:05 Thu 1:30-3-4:15-7:10-10:20
A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (18A) Fri-Thu 3:15-5:30-7:50-10:10
White Christmas (PG) Sun 1

MARKET SQUARE
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:30
Hugo (PG) Fri-Sat 1:35-4:10-7:20-9:45 Sun-Mon 4:10-9:45 Tue 1:35-4:10-7:20-9:45 Wed 4:10-9:45 Thu 4:10-7:20-9:45 Sun-Mon 1:35-7:20 Wed 1:35-7:20 Thu 1
J. Edgar (PG) Fri-Wed 6:50-9:30 Thu 6:50
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sat 1:30-4-6:55-9:15-11:25 Sun-Thu 1:30-4-6:55-9:15
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Sat 1:35-4:55-7:9:25-11:45 Sun-Mon 3:45-9:25 Tue 1-3:45-7-9:25 Wed 3:45-9:25 Thu 1-3:45-7-9:25 Sun-Mon 1-7 Wed 1-7
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Thu 10
The Sitter (14A) Fri-Sat 1:05-3:05-5:05-7:25-9:20-11:20 Sun-Thu 1:05-3:05-5:05-7:25-9:20
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-7:05-9:40

REVUE CINEMA
400 Roncesvalles Ave., 416-531-9959

50/50 (14A) Fri 7 Sat 4:15-7 Sun-Mon 7
Adaptation (14A) Tue 6:45
Drive (18A) Fri-Sat 9 Sun 4-9 Mon 9 Wed 1
Film School Confidential: Black (STC) Thu 9
Le Havre (PG) Wed 9 Thu 7
The Help (PG) Fri 4
Home Alone (PG) Sat 2
Muppets From Space (G) Fri 2 Sun 2
Take Shelter (STC) Tue 9:30 Wed 7

THE ROYAL
608 College St., 416-466-4400

Always 2 (STC) Sat 6
Linda Linda Linda (STC) Fri 7
My Perestroika (STC) Sun 9 Mon 7 Wed 9
No Films Showing Today (STC) Tue
Paul Goodman Changed My Life (STC) Fri-Sat 9:30 Sun 4:30-7 Mon 9 Wed 7
Peace Village (STC) Thu 7
Tsurugidake: Ten No Ki (STC) Sat 7

VARSITY
55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304

The Artist (PG) Fri-Thu 12-1-2:35-3:45-5:15-6:30-7:55-9:15-10:30 Fri-Thu 12:15-2:35-4:55-7:15-9:35
The Descendants (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:40 Fri-Thu 12:25-2:45-5:05-7:45-10:15
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CANADA SQUARE
2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

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The Guard (14A) Fri 4:50-7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 2-4:50-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:30
The Ides of March (14A) Fri 4:10-6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50
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Moneyball (PG) Fri 3:55-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:50
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The Way (STC) Fri 4:40-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20

MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

The Debt (14A) Fri-Sat 9:10
Le Havre (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 4:30-7 Tue-Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon

REGENT THEATRE
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-480-9884

Anonymous (PG) Fri-Sat 8:55 Sun 7 Tue 7
Midnight in Paris (PG) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Wed-Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon

YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

Arthur Christmas (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:50-7:20-9:45
Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:10-9:50 Mon-Wed 2-4:40-7:10-9:50 Thu 2-4:40-7:15-9:50
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:30-6:50-10:05 Sun 12:30-3:30-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:10-4-6:50-9:40
Immortals 3D (18A) Fri 4:30-7:40-10:15 Sat 7:40-10:15 Sun-Wed 1:30-4:30-7:15-10 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:05
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 4:10-9:20 Sat 9:20 Sun 4:10-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-9:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sat 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:30 Sun 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 1:20-3:55-6:45-9:25
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Puss in Boots (G) Fri 1:10-6:30 Sat 6:30 Sun 1:10-6:30 Mon-Thu 1:50-6:40
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10
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The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 1-3:45-6:30-9:20

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Desi Boyz (PG) Fri 4:25-7:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 10:40-1:35-4:25-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:20
The Dirty Picture (14A) Fri 3:30-6:55-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:55-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:55-10:05
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The Ides of March (14A) Fri 2-4:20-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:20-2-4:20-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 2-4:20-6:50-9:30
In Time (PG) Fri 3:45-6:25-9:10 Sat-Sun 10:40-1:10-3:45-6:25-9:10 Mon-Wed 3:45-6:25-9:10
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 2:10-4:35-6:55-9:05 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:35-6:55-9:05 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:35-6:55-9:05
Ladies vs. Ricky Bahl (STC) Fri 3:30-6:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:50-3:30-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:50
Margin Call (STC) Fri 2:15-4:55-7:25-8:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:15-4:55-7:25-8:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:55-7:25-8:45-10:15
Moneyball (PG) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:55
The Muppets (G) Fri 2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-8-9:15-10-10:45 Sat-Sun 10:30-11-11:45-1-1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-8-9:15-10-10:45 Mon-Thu 2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:30-7:15-8-9:15-10-10:45
My Week With Marilyn (14A) Fri 2:05-3:15-4:30-5:45-7-8:15-9:30-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:45-12:45-2:05-3:15-4:30-5:45-7-8:15-9:30-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:05-3:15-4:30-5:45-7-8:15-9:30-10:40
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The Rum Diary (14A) Fri 4:25-7:20-10:30 Sat-Sun 10:35-1:30-4:25-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:30
The Skin I Live In (18A) Fri 2-4:45-7:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-2-4:45-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:15

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350 King St. West, 416-599-8433

Elf (G) Sat 2
Family Plot (PG) Sun 6:30
Fourteen Hours (PG) Thu 6:30
Le Havre (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-6:40 Mon 6:40 Tue 12:30-6:40 Wed-Thu 12:30-9:30
In a Lonely Place (PG) Sun 1 Tue 6:30
Into the Abyss (PG) Fri-Sun 2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon 7:30-10 Tue-Thu 2:30-5-7:30-10
Melancholia (PG) Fri-Sun 3:30-6:45-9:45 Mon 6:45-9:45 Tue-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:45
Monty Python's Life of Brian (R) Sat 11
Packaged Goods: The Year's Best (STC) Wed 7
St. Elmo's Fire (R) Fri 9
Tomboy (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4-6:15-8:30 Mon 6:15-8:30 Tue-Thu 1:30-4-6:15-8:30
Vertigo (PG) Sat 5

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1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

The Dirty Picture (14A) Fri 4-7-9:45 Sat 4:45-7:30-10:15 Sun 1-4-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:45
Ladies vs. Ricky Bahl (STC) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-8

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri 2:25-5:10-7:45-10:20 Sat 11:45-2:25-5:10-7:45-10:20 Sun 11:45-2:25-5:10-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:20-6:50-9:20 Fri 11:45
The Descendants (14A) Fri-Sun 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:05-6:55-9:55
Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri 1:35 Sun 1:35 Mon-Thu 1:25
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 11:55-2:30-5:05-7:50-10:25 Sun 11:55-2:30-6:35-9:20 Mon-Thu 1:05-3:50-6:25-9:05
Hugo (PG) Fri-Sun 11:50 Mon-Tue 2:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1 Thu 2:05
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-4-7:05-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:50
The Ides of March (14A) Fri-Sun 9:40 Mon-Wed 9:25
Immortals (18A) Fri-Sat 12-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:55 Sun 12-2:40-6:15-9:25 Mon-Thu 2-4:40-7:20-10
J. Edgar (PG) Fri 4:15-7:25-10:40 Sat 7:25-10:40 Sun 4-7:10 Mon-Wed 4-7:05-10:15 Thu 4-7:05-10:20
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Sat 12:10-2:45-5:20-8-10:30 Sun 12:10-2:45-6:30-9:10 Mon-Wed 1:15-3:45-6:20-9:15 Thu 1:15-3:45-6:20-9:15-11:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01-9
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-1:40-3:30-4:30-6:50-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 1-1:50-3:40-4:30-6:45-7:10-10
My Week With Marilyn (14A) Fri-Sun 2:15-4:50-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:10
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:10-4:05-7-9:50 No Passes Sun 12:15-3:10-6:40-9:40 No Passes Mon-Tue 1-3:55-6:40-9:35 No Passes Wed 3:55-6:40-9:35 No Passes Thu 1:45-4:35-7:25-9:35-10:15 No Passes Fri-Sat 2-5-7:50-10:45 No Passes Sun 12:45-3:45-7-9:50 No Passes Mon-Wed 1:45-4:35-7:25-10:15 No Passes Thu 12:55-3:35-6:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Puss in Boots 3D (G) Fri 11:45-2:20-4:55-7:15-9:35 Sat 2:20-4:55-7:15-9:35 Sun 11:45-2:20-4:55-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:55-7:15-9:40
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10:30
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:25-3:40-6-8:20-10:50 No Passes Sun 1:25-3:40-6:25-9 No Passes Mon-Wed 2:10-5:15-8-10:10 No Passes Thu 2:10-5:15-8-10:25
Tower Heist (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:35-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:25-7-9:45
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 12:45-1:55-3:45-4:45-6:40-7:40-9:30-10:35 Sat 1:55-4:45-6:40-7:40-9:30-10:35 Sun 1:55-3:50-4:40-6:40-7:25-9:30-10:10 Mon-Wed 1:30-3-4:15-6:30-7:20-9:30-10:05 Thu 1:30-3-4:15-6:30-7:20-10:05
A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (18A) Fri-Sun 2:50-5:15-7:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 5:7:30-9:50
White Christmas (PG) Sun 1

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Arthur Christmas (G) Fri-Wed 12:50-3-5:05-7:15-9:25 Thu 12:50-3-5:05-7:15
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:40-7-9:35
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4
The Muppets (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:50-9:15
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-6:50-9:25
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Thu 10
The Sitter (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:05-5:7:10-9:40
Tower Heist (PG) Fri-Thu 7:05-9:45
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-6:55-9:30

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Drive (18A) Fri-Thu 9:20
The Guard (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-7:30
Melancholia (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30
Moneyball (PG) Fri-Thu 5

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Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:10
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10:10
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New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4-7-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:50
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10:10
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2:20-4:50-7:10-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:20
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:20 Sat 7:30-10:20 Sun 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:20 Mon-Wed 7:30-10:20 Thu 7:30

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The Guard (14A) Fri-Sun 7 Mon-Tue 9:15
Le Havre (PG) Wed 9:15 Thu 7
The Help (PG) Fri 4
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Fort Lauderdale Christmas
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Ramada Fort Lauderdale — + taxes & fees $301
INCLUDES central accom. Price per person based on family of 4. Departs Dec 22/swg/wg. **UPGRADE** to 4-star Hilton Fort Lauderdale for $19 per night.

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The Artist (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:20
The Descendants (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:40-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10-10
Hugo (PG) Fri 12:30-3:40-6:30 Sat 6:30 Sun 12:30-3:40-6:30 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:30
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-5:00-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:05-9:40
J. Edgar (PG) Fri 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:45 Sat 6:40-9:45 Sun 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:10-8:20
Like Crazy (14A) Fri 2-5:20-7:40-10:15 Sat 7:40-10:15 Sun 2-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:30-9:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
My Week With Marilyn (14A) Fri 2:30-5-7:20-9:50 Sat 1:10-4-7:20-9:50 Sun 2:30-5-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-7:20-9:50
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri 1:50-4:20-7:30-10:10 No Passes Sat 1:10-3:50-7:30-10:10 No Passes Sun 1:50-4:20-7:10-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10
Punch (STC) Fri-Sat 2-4:40-7:25-10:05 Sun 2-4:40-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-9:55
The Way (STC) Fri-Thu 9:35

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Happy Feet Two (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:30
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 4-6:30-9:10
Margin Call (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:10-6:40-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 4:10-6:40-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 4:45-7:30-10:10
The Muppets (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:20-7:05-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-7:05-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:45
Puss in Boots (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 3:30
Saadat Abad (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:30-6:50-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 2:05-4:30-6:50-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 4:30-6:50-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 4:30-6:45-9:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Thu 10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Thu 10:30
The Sitter (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:45-6:15-8:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:15-3:45-6:15-8:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 3:45-6:15-8:50 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 3:35-6:15-8:50
Tower Heist (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:50-6:20-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50-6:20-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 3:50-6:20-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 3:45-6:20-9
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:45-7:30-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 2:15-4:45-7:30-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 4:45-7:30-10:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 4:10-7 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 6-8:40
A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 3:35-6:05-8:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:05-3:35-6:05-8:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Wed 3:35-6:05-8:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 3:50-6:05

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Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12-2:35-5:10-7:45-10:20 Mon-Wed 2-4:40-7:20-9:55 Thu 2-4:40-7:20-10
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:15-10:05 Mon-Wed 1:10-4:05-7-9:50 Thu 1:10-4:05-7-9:55
Immortals 3D (18A) Fri-Sun 2-4:55-7:35-10:25 Mon-Wed 1:30-4:10-7-9:40 Thu 1:30-4:10
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:40-7:45 Mon-Thu 2:05-7:15
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01-9
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sun 2:20-5-7:40-10:20 Mon-Wed 1:35-4:20-7:05-9:45 Thu 1:35-4:20-7:05-9:50
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 No Passes Mon-Wed 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 No Passes Thu 7:30-10:20 No Passes Thu 1:30-4:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10:30
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 No Passes Mon-Wed 1:20-3:30-5:40-7:50-10:10 No Passes Thu 1:20-3:30-5:40-7:50-10:10
Tower Heist (PG) Fri-Sun 5:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-9:45
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 1-1:40-3:50-4:30-6:40-7:20-9:30-10:10 Mon-Wed 1-1:40-3:45-4:25-6:30-7:10-9:15-9:55 Thu 1-1:40-3:45-4:25-6:30-7:10-9:15

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Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri 2:50 Sat-Sun 12:20 Mon-Thu 2:10
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New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 2-4:50-7:40-10:25 No Passes Sun 1:40-4:30-7:10-9:50 No Passes Mon-Tue 1:45-4:30-7:35-10:15 No Passes Wed 4:30-7:35-10:15 No Passes Thu 1:45-4:30-7:35-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Puss in Boots (G) Fri 2:30-5:10-7:30 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:30-5:10-7:30 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:15-7
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:30-3:40-6-8:20-10:35 No Passes Sun 1:30-3:40-5:50-8:10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 2-4:50-7:05-9:40
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sat 2:10-5-7:50-10:40 Sun 1:50-4:15-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:20-10
White Christmas (PG) Sun 1

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Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:35-4:30-7:30-10:25 Sun-Mon 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Tue 1:35-4:30-7:30-10:25 Wed-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Immortals 3D (18A) Fri-Sat 12-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:55 Sun-Mon 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Tue 12-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:55 Wed-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Sat 12:05-2:30-5:15-7:40-10:20 Sun-Mon 2:20-5-7:25-9:55 Tue 12:05-2:30-5:15-7:40-10:20 Wed-Thu 2:20-5-7:25-9:55
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01-9
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 1-4-7-10 No Passes Thu 1-4-7-10-10:15 No Passes Fri-Sat 2-4:50-7:45-10:40 No Passes Sun-Mon 1:30-4:25-7:30-10:30 No Passes Tue 2-4:50-7:45-10:40 No Passes Wed 1:30-4:25-7:30-10:30 No Passes Thu 1-3:30-6:10
Osthi (STC) Fri-Sat 2:45-6:20-10:10 Sun-Mon 2:45-6:20-9:50 Tue 2:45-6:20-10:10 Wed-Thu 2:45-6:20-9:50
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 No Passes Sun-Mon 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:45 No Passes Tue 1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:45
Tower Heist (PG) Fri-Sat 3:5-5:45-8:25-11 Sun-Mon 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Tue 3:5-5:45-8:25-11 Wed-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 12:10-1:20-2:50-4:20-5:35-7:10-8:20-10:10-11 Sat 12:10-2:50-5:35-7:10-8:20-10:10-11 Sun-Mon 2:05-3:20-4:50-6:20-7:35-9:10-10:15 Tue 12:10-1:20-2:50-4:20-5:35-7:10-8:20-10:10-11 Wed 2:05-3:20-4:50-6:20-7:35-9:10-10:15 Thu 2:05-3:20-4:50-6:20-7:35-9:10
A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (18A) Fri-Sat 1:10-3:35-6:05-8:30-10:45 Sun-Mon 1:25-4:25-6:55-9:35 Tue 1:10-3:35-6:05-8:30-10:45 Wed-Thu 1:25-4:25-6:55-9:35

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1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri-Sat 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:30-10 Sun 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-9:50
The Descendants (14A) Fri 11:55-2:35-5:15-8-10:45 Sat 11:55-2:35-5:45-8:40 Sun 1:10-4:05-6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:15-10:05
Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-3:55 Mon-Thu 3:50
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 2:05-4:45-7:35-10:10 Sun 2:05-4:45-7:35-10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-9:55
Hugo (PG) Fri-Sat 2 Sun 2:15 Mon-Thu 5 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:20-7:25-10:25 Sun 1:20-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:45
Immortals (18A) Fri 12-2:40-5:20-8-10:45 Sat 2:40-5:20-8-10:45 Sun 4:25-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-9:50
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Sat 12:50-3:25-5:50-8:05-10:30 Sun 12:05-2:35-5-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:05-9:25
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sat 11:45-1:25-2:25-4:10-5:05-6:45-7:40-9:30-10:15 Sun 11:45-1:25-2:20-4:10-4:55-6:45-7:30-9:30-10 Mon-Wed 3:45-4:45-6:30-7:20-9:10-9:55 Thu 3:45-4:55-6:30-7:20-9:10
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 2:10-5-7:50-10:40 No Passes Sun 1:30-4:20-7:15-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Osthi (STC) Fri-Sat 12:45-4:7:25-10:40 Sun 12:30-3:45-7:10:15 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-10
Puss in Boots (G) Fri-Sat 12:10-2:30-5:7:20-9:45 Sun 12:10-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:35-5:50-7:55-10:10
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10:15
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 No Passes Sun 1:30-3:40-5:50-8:10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-5:40-7:55-10:10
Tower Heist (PG) Fri 12:2:35-5:10-7:50-10:35 Sat 12-5:20-7:50-10:35 Sun 2-4:30-7:05-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:55-9:30
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:55-6:40-7:45-9:40-10:35 Sun 1:40-4:20-6:40-7:10-9:25-10:05 Mon 4:20-6:20-7:05-9:05-10:15 Tue-Thu 4:20-6:20-7:05-9:05-10
A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (18A) Fri-Sat 4:50-7:55-10:20 Sun 5:05-7:25-9:45 Mon 7:50-10:10 Tue-Thu 7:50-10:15
White Christmas (PG) Sun 1

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785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri-Sat 2:50-5:30-7:55-10:25 Sun 2:50-5:30-7:55-10:15 Mon-Thu 5-7:25-9:55
Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri-Sun 2:40
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 5:20-7:50-10:20 Sun 5:15-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:50
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:10 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:35
Immortals (18A) Fri-Sat 3:5-35-8:10-10:40 Sun 2:45-5:20-7:55-10:25 Mon-Wed 5:10-7:40-10:10 Thu 5:10-7:40
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Sat 1:20-3:40-8:30 Sun 1:20-3:40-8:15 Mon-Thu 8
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sat 2:30-5:10-8-10:35 Sun 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:05
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 No Passes Sun 2-4:50-7:40-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:15-7:10-10
Puss in Boots (G) Fri-Sun 2:15-5-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:40-9
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10:10
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:50-4-6:05-8:20-10:35 No Passes Sun 1:50-4-6:05-8:15-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:45-5:45-7:50-10
Tower Heist (PG) Fri-Sat 3:10-5:40-8:05-10:40 Sun 3:10-5:40-8-10:25 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:35-10:05
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:45-7:30-10:10 Sun 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:40
A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (18A) Fri-Sat 6:15-10:40 Sun 5:55-10:25 Mon-Thu 5:30-10:10

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

7aum Arivu (14A) Fri-Sun 12-3:30-6:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-10:05
The Descendants (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:35-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 2:15-5:05-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:30-9:30
Desi Boyz (PG) Fri-Sun 1-4-7:05-10:15 Mon-Thu 4-7:05-10:15
The Dirty Picture (14A) Fri-Sun 11:50-3:40-6:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50-10:20
Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri-Sun 10:45-1:40 Mon-Thu 1:40
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 10:30-12:30-2:10-3-4:45-5:45-7:20-8:15-10 Mon-Thu 2:10-3-4:45-5:45-7:20-8:15-10
The Ides of March (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:50-10:10
J. Edgar (PG) Fri-Sun 10:35-1:35-4:30-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:30-7:25-10:25
Ladies vs. Ricky Bahl (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:45-7:05-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:05-10:25
Like Crazy (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:30-4:45-7:25-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:30-4:45-7:25-9:40
Magic to Win (STC) Fri-Sun 11-1:30-4:30-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:15-9:45
Margin Call (STC) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:20-6:15-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:15-9:10
Mayakkam Enna (PG) Fri-Sun 11:40-3:30-7-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-7-10:30
Moneyball (PG) Fri-Thu 4-7-10
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sat 12:20-3:15-5:50-8:20 Sun 12:20-3:15 Mon 3:15-5:50 Tue-Thu 3:15-5:50-8:20 Fri-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:50-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:15-9:50
My Week With Marilyn (14A) Fri-Sun 10:45-1:35-4:05-6:35-9:25 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:05-6:35-9:25
Puss in Boots (G) Fri-Sun 10:30-12:50-5:15-7:30-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:30-9:45
The Way (STC) Fri-Sun 11:10-2:15-5-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:15-5-7:45-10:20

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

The Dirty Picture (14A) Fri 3:45-6:45 Sat 3:45-6:45-9:30 Sun-Thu 6:45-9:30
Ladies vs. Ricky Bahl (STC) Fri-Sun 4-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30
Osthi (STC) Fri-Sun 4-7-10 Mon-Thu 7-10

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

Breakaway (STC) Fri 1:15-3:10-9 Sun 9 Mon-Thu 1:15-3-8:40
Contagion (PG) Fri 1:30-3:20-7:05-9 Sat-Sun 5:15-9 Mon-Thu 1:10-3-6:35-8:30
Dolphin Tale (G) Fri 5-7 Sat-Sun 12-1:55-3:50-5:45-7:40 Mon-Thu 4:45-6:40
Footloose (PG) Fri 5:10 Mon-Thu 4:40
The Ides of March (14A) Fri 1:30-3:20-7:10-9 Sat-Sun 5:30-7:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 1-2:50-6:45-8:30
Johnny English Reborn (PG) Fri 1:20-3:10-5:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:35-3:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 1-2:45-4:50-8:50
Real Steel (PG) Fri 5-7:15 Sat-Sun 12-2:10-4:20-6:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:40
The Smurfs (G) Sat-Sun 12:1:50-3:40
Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D (PG) Sat-Sun 12

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri-Sat 2:10-5 Sun-Tue 3:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1 Thu 3:10
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 7:45-10:20 Sun-Thu 6-8:30
Happy Feet Two: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Mon 1:30-4-7-9:30 Tue 1:30-4-7 Wed 1:30-4-7-9:30
Immortals 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:30-10
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:20-9:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01-9
The Muppets (G) Fri-Thu 1-1:40-3:30-4:10-6:10-6:50-8:40-9:20
Puss in Boots 3D (G) Fri-Thu 2-4:20-6:30-8:50
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:10-3:20-5:30-8:10:10 No Passes Sun-Tue 1:10-3:20-5:30-7:50-10 No Passes Wed 3:20-5:30-7:50-10 No Passes Thu 1:10-3:20-5:30-7:50-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Tower Heist (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:40-9:10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 1-1:50-2:30-3:40-4:30-5:10-6:20-7:10-7:50-9-9:50-10:30 Sat 1-2:30-3:40-5:10-6:20-7:10-7:50-9-9:50-10:30 Sun 1-1:50-3:40-4:30-5:10-6:20-7:10-8-9:50 Mon-Tue 1-1:50-2:30-3:40-4:30-5:10-6:20-7:10-8-9-9:50 Wed 1:50-2:30-4:30-5:10-6:20-7:10-8-9-9:50 Thu 1-1:50-2:30-3:40-4:30-5:10-6:20-7:10-9-9:50
A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (18A) Fri-Thu 3-5:20-7:40-9:55
White Christmas (PG) Sun 1

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

Arthur Christmas (G) Fri-Thu 2:15-7:30
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri-Sun 11:45-4:45-10 Mon-Thu 4:45-10
The Descendants (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-5:20-8-10:35
Happy Feet Two: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri-Sun 11-3:15-6-8:25 Mon-Thu 3:15-6-8:25
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 10:50-1:45-5:10-8:10 Mon-Thu 1:45-5:10-8:10
Immortals 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:05
In Time (PG) Fri-Sun 11:40-2:20-5:05-7:55-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:20-5:05-7:55-10:25
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:35-7:20-9:50
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sun 10:30-2:30-5:30-8:20-10:45 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:30-8:20-10:45
My Week With Marilyn (14A) Fri-Sun 11:10-3:30-5:45-8:15-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-5:45-8:15-10:30
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Sun 10:35-11:15-1:15-2-4-5-7-8-10-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:30-2-4-5-7-8-10-10:45
The Sitter (14A) Fri-Sun 11:30-2:15-2:45-4:45-6:30-6:45-8:45-9-10:50-11 Mon-Wed 2:15-2:45-4:45-6:30-6:45-8:45-9 Thu 2:15-2:45-4:45-6:30-6:45-8:45
Tower Heist (PG) Fri-Sun 11:55-3:05-5:40-8:10-10:40 Mon-Thu 3:05-5:40-8:10-10:40
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 10:45-1:40-5-8-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:40-5-8-10:40
A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (18A) Fri-Sun 11:05-1:30-4-6:30-8:45-10:55 Mon-Thu 1:30-4-6:30-8:45

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20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

Arthur Christmas (G) Fri 3:30-6:20-9 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-6:20-9 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:20-9
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri 4-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:50-9:30
Immortals (18A) Fri 4:30-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-9:55 Mon-Wed 4:30-7:20-9:50 Thu 4:30-7:20
J. Edgar (PG) Fri-Thu 8:45
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 4:50-7:40-10 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:40-10 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:40-9:55
The Muppets (G) Fri 4:20-7:9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:20-7-9:45
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:10-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:10-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Puss in Boots 3D (G) Fri 3:50-6:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:10 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:10
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri 4:40-7:30-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-4:40-7:30-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:40-7:30-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Tower Heist (PG) Fri 3:40-6:30-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:6:30-9:15
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 3:45-6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:40

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The Descendants (14A) Fri 4:15-7:15-10:05 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50
Desi Boyz (PG) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-4:20-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:15-10:05
The Dirty Picture (14A) Fri 3:50-7:10-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:50-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-10
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri 5:10-7:45-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:30-10
Hugo (PG) Fri 3:20 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:20 Mon-Thu 3:30
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:05-9:55
I Am Singh (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:30
Immortals (18A) Fri 5:20-8:05-10:40 Sat-Sun 12-2:40-5:20-8:05-10:40 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-10:05
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:15
Ladies vs. Ricky Bahl (STC) Fri 3:30-6:50-10 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:50-10 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50-10
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
The Muppets (G) Fri 5:25-8-10:35 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:45-5:25-8-10:35 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:45-9:20
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri 5-7:50-10:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:10-5-7:50-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:05-7:20-10:15
Puss in Boots (G) Fri 4:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10 Mon-Thu 4:10
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10:15
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri 3:45-6-8:15-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-7:35-9:45
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 4:45-7:7:40-9:45-10:30 Sat 1:50-4:50-7:7:40-9:45-10:30 Sun 1:1:50-4:4:50-7:7:40-9:45-10:30 Mon-Wed 4:35-5:30-7:25-8:30-10:10 Thu 3:45-4:35-6:40-7:25-10:10
A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (18A) Fri-Sun 6:10-8:30-10:45 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:10

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The Descendants (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:15-7:05-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:50-9:35
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:55-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:55-9:25
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:45 Mon 3:50-6:45 Tue 3:50-6:45-9:45 Wed 3:50-6:40-9:45 Thu 3:50-6:45-9:45
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 2-4:35-7:35-10:05 Sat 7:35-10:05 Sun 2-4:35-7:35-10:05 Mon 3:30-9:40 Tue-Thu 3:30-7:15-9:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
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My Week With Marilyn (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:45-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:25-9:55
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3:35-6:40-9:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:35-6:40-9:30 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:35-4:25-7:20-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:15-7:05-10
Puss in Boots 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-6:20-9:10 Mon 4-6:20-9:10-9:45 Tue-Thu 4-6:20-9:10

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Arthur Christmas (G) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:45
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:30-6:30-9:10
The Descendants (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:15-10
Desi Boyz (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 7:10-9:55
Hugo (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12-2:45-5:30-8:15
Hugo 3D (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:45-9:40
J. Edgar (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-6:40-9:50
Ladies vs. Ricky Bahl (STC) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:15-5:45-9:15
Mayakkam Enna (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:40-5:50-9
New Year's Eve (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7-9:45
Osthi (STC) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 3-6:15-9:30

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2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

Immortals (18A) Fri-Sun 9:35 Tue 9:35 Thu 9:35
In Time (PG) Fri-Sun 9:20 Tue 9:20 Thu 9:20
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Sun 7:40 Tue 7:40 Thu 7:40
The Sitter (14A) Fri-Sun 7:50 Tue 7:50 Thu 7:50
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 7:30 Tue 7:30 Thu 7:30
A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (18A) Fri-Sun 9:45 Tue 9:45 Thu 9:45

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Arthur Christmas (G) Fri 3:45-6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:10
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:15 Mon-Wed 6:50-9:20 Thu 6:50
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:15-10 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:50
Immortals (18A) Fri-Thu 9
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 4:50-7:40-9:55 Sat 7:40-9:55 Sun 2-4:50-7:35-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:35
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
The Muppets (G) Fri 4:15-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:15-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:30
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri 4:20-7:10-10:10 No Passes Sat 1:30-4:20-7:10-10:10 No Passes Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Puss in Boots (G) Fri 4-6:30 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri 5-7:30-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:10-5-7:30-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Tower Heist (PG) Fri 3:50-6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:15
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 4:40-7:20-10:15 Sat 1:50-4:40-7:20-10:15 Sun 1:50-4:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10

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3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

Arthur Christmas (G) Fri-Sun 12:55
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:15-6:55-9:20 Mon-Wed 4:15-6:55-9:20 Thu 3:35-6-9:20
The Descendants (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10
Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri 12:45 Sat 12:30 Sun 12:45
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-6:10-8:50
Happy Feet Two: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) Fri 1:30-4:30-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:55 Mon 4:30-7-9:30 Tue 4:30-7 Wed 4:30-7-9:30
Immortals 3D (18A) Fri-Sun 2-4:40-7:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-10:10
In Time (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-3:55-6:35-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:35-9:45
J. Edgar (PG) Fri-Thu 4:05-7:05-10:05
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:35-7:20-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20-9:35
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (STC) No Passes Thu 12:01-9
The Muppets (G) Fri 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:40-6:45-9:30 Mon-Wed 3:40-6:45-9:30 Thu 3:40-6:45
My Week With Marilyn (14A) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:25-9:55
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:15
Osthi (STC) Fri 12:30-3:45-7:10:15 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:45-7-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10:15
Puss in Boots 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-6:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:30-9:15
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:10-7:45-9:50
Top Gun (STC) Mon 7
Tower Heist (PG) Fri 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:15 Sat 1:50-4:25-7:40-10:15 Sun 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:15 Mon 3:35-6:40-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 12:40-1:20-3:20-4-6-6:40-9-9:40 Sat 12:40-3:20-6-6:40-9-9:40 Sun 12:40-1:20-3:20-4-6-6:40-9-9:40 Mon 3:30-4-6-9-9:40 Tue 3:30-4-6-6:40-9-9:40 Wed 3:30-4-6-9-9:40 Thu 3:30-4-6-6:40-9-9:40
A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (18A) Fri-Sun 2:15-5-8-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:40

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10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

Arthur Christmas (G) Sat-Sun 2
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 4:30-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:20-9:20
Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri 6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:10-9:10
Hugo (PG) Digital Sat-Sun 12:40
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri 6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:40
J. Edgar (PG) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:20-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:30
The Muppets (G) Fri 7:20-10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 6-9
New Year's Eve (PG) Digital Fri 7:10-9:50 Digital Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-7:10-9:50 Digital Mon-Thu 5:45-8:45
The Sitter (14A) Digital Fri 7:50-10:20 Digital Sat-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:50-10:20 Digital Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40
Tower Heist (PG) Fri 7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:15-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:15-9:15
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-4:10-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:50

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3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri 4:6:50-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:6:50-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:15
Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:50-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:10
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri 4:15-7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:15-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45
Immortals (18A) Fri-Thu 7:15-9:50
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 3:50-7:05-9:20 Sat 7:05-9:20 Sun 1:15-3:50-7:05-9:20 Mon-Wed 7:05-9:20 Thu 7:05
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
The Muppets (G) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:25
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri 4:40-7:20-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:20-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-10
Puss in Boots (G) Fri 3:35 Sat-Sun 2-4:45
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri 4:30-7:40-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:40-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:40-9:55
Tower Heist (PG) Fri 4:10-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:40
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:40-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:30

INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

7aum Arivu (14A) Fri 3-6:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:40-3-6:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:15-9:30
Anonymous (PG) Fri 4:15-7:05-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:05-9:50
Desi Boyz (PG) Fri 2:45-6-9:15 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:45-6-9:15 Mon-Thu 6-9:15
Drive (18A) Fri 2:30-5:05-7:25-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:05-2:30-5:05-7:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:25-9:50
Footloose (PG) Fri 2:30-5-7:30-10 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-10
The Help (PG) Fri 3:30-6:35-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:35-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:35-9:40
Hugo (PG) Fri 4-6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9:30
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:15-9:10 Sat-Sun 11-1:45-4:30-7:15-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-9:10
The Lion King 3D (STC) Fri 2:30-4:35-6:45 Sat-Sun 12:20-2:30-4:35-6:45 Mon-Thu 4:35-6:45
Mayakkam Enna (PG) Fri 2:45-6-9:15 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:45-6-9:15 Mon-Thu 6-9:15
Moneyball (PG) Fri 4-7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:45
Real Steel (PG) Fri 4:30-7:15-10 Sat-Sun 11-1:45-4:30-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-10
The Three Musketeers (PG) Fri 2:25-5-7:30-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:25-5-7:30-9:55 Mon-Thu 5-7:30-9:55

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1 Promenade Circle, 416-494-9371

Arthur Christmas (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:15-5:15-7:20
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50
Hugo (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:45-9:10 Mon 4:10-6:45-9:10 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:45-9:10
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Thu 6:50-9
The Muppets (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-4-7:05-9:15
New Year's Eve (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7-9:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) Thu 10
The Sitter (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:10-5:10-7:10-9:25
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Wed 9:20

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18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri 4:50-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 2-4:50-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:40-9:10
The Descendants (14A) Fri 5:15-8-10:45 Sat 11:55-2:35-5:15-8-10:45 Sun 11:55-2:35-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-10
Happy Feet Two (PG) Sat-Sun 12
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri 5:10-7:40-10:20 Sat 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:20 Sun 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:9:40
Hugo (PG) Fri 4:05 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40 Mon-Thu 4
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:50-10:30 Sat 1:20-4:30-7:50-10:30 Sun 1:20-4:30-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-9:50
Immortals 3D (18A) Fri 4:45-7:20-10:10 Sat 1:50-4:45-7:20-10:10 Sun 4:45-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:20-9:55
J. Edgar (PG) Fri-Sun 10 Mon-Thu 9:20
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 4:20-7:10-9:50 Sat 7:10-9:50 Sun 12:20-2:35-4:50-7:10-9:50 Mon-Wed 4:20-6:45-9:10 Thu 4:20-6:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
The Muppets (G) Fri 5:10-7:45-10:35 Sat 12-2:30-5:10-7:45-10:35 Sun 12-2:30-5:10-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:50-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri 5-7:50-10:40 No Passes Sat 2:10-5-7:50-10:40 No Passes Sun 1:40-4:20-7:25-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:55
Puss in Boots (G) Fri 5:15-7:40 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:40 Mon-Thu 4:40-6:55
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri 6-8:15-10:30 No Passes Sat 1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 No Passes Sun 1:30-3:45-6:30-8:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:20-7:35-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Tower Heist (PG) Fri 5:30-8:05-10:40 Sat 12:30-3-5:30-8:05-10:40 Sun 12:30-3-6-8:30 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:25-10
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 4-7:30-10:25 Sat 1:10-4-7:30-10:25 Sun 1:10-4-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:45
A Very Harold & Kumar Christmas (18A) Fri-Sun 8-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:20-9:35
White Christmas (PG) Sun 1

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Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri 2:50-5:20-7:45-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:50-5:20-7:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:15-9:35
The Descendants (14A) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:40-7:35-10:35 Sun 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-10
Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri-Sat 1:55-4:35-7:20-10 Sun 1:55-4:35-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:50-9:30
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri 2:30-5:10 Sat 12-2:40-5:25 Sun 12-2:35-5:10 Mon-Thu 4:40
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:30-7:25-10:20 Sun 1:25-4:15-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:9:50
Immortals (18A) Fri 2:45-5:30-8:10-10:45 Sat 12:05-2:45-5:30-8:10-10:45 Sun 1:40-4:20-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 5-7:40-10:15
J. Edgar (PG) Fri 1-4:05-7:15-10:25 Sat 7:10-10:25 Sun 3:40 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:45-9:55
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 3:15-5:40-8:05-10:40 Sat 12:45-3:15-5:40-8:05-10:40 Sun 12:05-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:35-10:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sat 2:20-5-7:40-10:25 Sun 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 2:05-4:55-7:45-10:35 No Passes Sun 1:30-4:25-7:25-10:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Puss in Boots (G) Fri 2:10-4:30 Sat 12:30-2:50-5:10 Sun 12:20-2:40-5 Mon-Thu 4:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10:05
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:20-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 No Passes Sun 1:20-3:30-5:45-8-10:10 No Passes Mon-Wed 3:30-5:40-7:50-10:05 No Passes Thu 3:30-5:40-7:50-10:15
Tower Heist (PG) Fri-Sun 2:15-4:50-7:35-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:40
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 2:30-5:15-7:10-7:55-10:15-10:45 Sat 2:30-5:15-7:30-7:55-10:15-10:45 Sun 1:15-4-6:45-6:50-7:20-9:30-10-10:05 Mon-Wed 4:45-6:55-7:25-9:45-10:15 Thu 4:45-6:55-7:25-9:45
A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (18A) Fri 8-10:40 Sat 8:10-10:40 Sun 7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:10
White Christmas (PG) Sun 1

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Arthur Christmas (G) Fri 7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:40
Happy Feet Two (PG) Sat-Sun 1:25
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri 6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 4:05-6:50-9:20 Mon-Wed 6:50-9:20 Thu 6:50
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri 6:55-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:50
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Sat 6:35-9 Sun 1:20-3:40-6:35-9 Mon-Thu 6:35-9
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
The Muppets (G) Fri 7:15-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:55
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:05-3:50-6:40-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri 6:30-9:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:10-3:30-6:30-9:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:30-9:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:20-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10

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Arthur Christmas (G) Sat-Sun 12:40
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri 5:30-7:55-10:20 Sat-Sun 3:05-5:30-7:55-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:30
The Descendants (14A) Fri 5:15-8:10:45 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:35-5:15-8-10:45 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:45
Happy Feet Two (PG) Sat-Sun 11:50
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri 4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat 2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sun 2:20-4:50-7:20-10 Mon-Wed 7:20-10 Thu 7:20
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri 4:30-7:15-10 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 7:15-10
Immortals (18A) Fri-Thu 7:20-10:05
J. Edgar (PG) Fri-Sat 4:25-7:25-10:25 Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:50
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri 3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Sat 1:20-8:20-10:40 Sun 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:40 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:25
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55
The Muppets (G) Fri 5-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:30
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri 4:50-7:30-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 2:05-4:50-7:30-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Puss in Boots (G) Fri 4:55 Sat 12:20-2:35-4:55 Sun 4:55
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri 3:45-6-8:15-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:40-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Tower Heist (PG) Fri 5:35-8:05-10:35 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:50-5:35-8:05-10:35 Mon-Thu 7-9:40
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri 5:05-7:45-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:15
White Christmas (PG) Sun 1

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Arthur Christmas (G) Fri-Sun 1:25-3:55-6:55-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:35
Happy Feet Two (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10
Happy Feet Two 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4:05-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:30
Hugo 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:40-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40 Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:45
Immortals (18A) Fri 1-4-7:15-9:55 Sat 7:15-9:55 Sun 4-7:15-9:55 Mon-Wed 7:10-9:45 Thu 7:10
Jack and Jill (PG) Fri-Sun 6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Faust - Live (STC) Sat 12:55 Sat 12:55
The Muppets (G) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:20-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:25
New Year's Eve (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:55-3:50-7:20-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:05-9:55 No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Puss in Boots (G) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG) No Passes Thu 10 No Passes Thu 10:15
The Sitter (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:10-9:50 No Passes Mon-Wed 7:15-9:50 No Passes Thu 7:15-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:05-10 Mon-Thu 7:20-10 Fri 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:30 Sat 7:45-10:30 Sun 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:30 Mon-Wed 7:15-10:15 Thu 7:15
White Christmas (PG) Sun 1

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Arthur Christmas (G) Fri-Sat 2:20-4:55-7:20-9:40 Sun 11:05-2:20-4:55-7:20-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:20-4:55-7:20-9:40
Arthur Christmas 3D (G) Fri 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
Desi Boyz (PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-6-9:10
The Dirty Picture (14A) Fri-Thu 2:45-6:05-9:45
The Help (PG) Fri 2:55-6:25-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:55-6:25-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:55-6:25-9:50
The Ides of March (14A) Fri 2:05-4:40-7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 11:10-2:05-4:40-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:10-9:35
Immortals (18A) Fri 2:35-5:35-8:40 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:35-5:35-8:40 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:35-8:40
Immortals 3D (18A) Fri 3:35-6:20-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:35-6:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:20-9:20
In Time (PG) Fri 4:10-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:10-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-9:40
Johnny English Reborn (PG) Fri 4:05-6:45-9:05 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:05-6:45-9:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:45-9:05
Ladies vs. Ricky Bahl (STC) Special Engagement Fri 3-6:10-9:25 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:55-3-6:10-9:25 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3-6:10-9:25
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Like Barbie, with tattoos

Nicki Minaj and Katy Perry: soon to be real living dolls

In case you didn't want your young daughter growing up to idolize a blonde, unhealthily proportioned woman who owns convertibles, Jeeps and veterinary clinics, she can now instead idolize skimpily dressed, alcohol-loving celebrities with multicoloured hair, who also own everything.

As TMZ reported, longtime Barbie-creator Mattel is planning to launch dolls for Nicki Minaj and Katy Perry. The dolls are said to include striking similarities to the real pop princesses like the tattoo on Nicki Minaj's left arm. What little girl wouldn't love that?

Minaj has garnered a following of fans who refer to themselves as "Barbies" in honour of the singer's fondness for crazy blonde wigs and the colour pink. Both Minaj and Perry are known for breaking the mold when it comes to fashion. Usually they're both spotted wearing outfits Barbie wouldn't be caught dead in.

Nicki Minaj's Barbie, at least, is reportedly set to be auctioned off for the charity Project Angel Food, with bids starting at $1,000. Katy Perry's Barbie did not comment on whether she will be auctioned off for charity, too — she was hungover after waking up in Vegas.

We're looking forward to seeing the outfits these Barbies will rock. We're rooting for our favourite looks: A lime green sports bra just low enough for a nip-slip for Minaj and a cherry-topped cupcake bra for Perry. METRO

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▶ Nicki Minaj at the Victoria's Secret show in New York.

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Hollywood's 100

The most influential women in entertainment gathered at the Beverly Hills Hotel to celebrate

For the 20th consecutive year, Hollywood's most powerful women came together to break bread and celebrate their achievements in entertainment.

Jane Fonda and the late filmmaker Laura Ziskin were honoured at the breakfast ceremony Wednesday at the Beverly Hills Hotel, held by the Hollywood Reporter in concert with its annual Power 100 ranking of the entertainment industry's most powerful women.

▶ Nancy Grace

"This list matters," said Janice Min, the magazine's editorial director. "Acknowledging the achievements of women in a town where only 16 per cent of all powerful, behind-the-scenes jobs are held by them — and that number is declining — is important."

Anne Sweeney, co-chairman of Disney Media Networks, tops the list.

Chelsea Handler, who ranked 97th on the list, welcomed guests including Nancy Grace (ranked 86th) and reality star Bethenny Frankel (No. 100 on the list), along with actresses Kate Bosworth and Emmy Rossum and the ubiquitous Kim Kardashian.

Actress Kirsten Dunst and Sony Pictures co-chairman Amy Pascal (No. 2 on the Power 100 list) presented a tribute to Spider-Man producer and Stand Up To Cancer founder Ziskin, who helped raise more than $180 million for cancer research before succumbing to the disease in June.

Former Paramount Pictures chief Sherry Lansing lauded her friend Fonda for her pioneering work in film, fitness, philanthropy and activism, presenting the 73-year-old actress with the Sherry Lansing Leadership Award.

Lansing said that Fonda has "led us artistically and made us question our lives politically."

"I still idolize you, Jane, and you still inspire me," the former studio chief said.

Fonda said that while women have made strides in front of and behind the camera, the entertainment industry needs more female decision makers.

"Until more women wield the power to decide what movies and TV shows get made, Hollywood culture won't really yield all the fascinating complexities that are the realities of women's lives," she said. "Until then, we're accepting supporting roles in an industry

▶ the cast of Bridesmaids placed 44 on the list of most influential women.

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The next generation of female leaders also participated in the annual Women in Entertainment breakfast. The Help author Kathryn Stockett and stars Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer introduced 12 Los Angeles-area high school juniors who will be mentored by female entertainment executives for the next year through a program launched in 2009 by the Hollywood Reporter and Big Brothers Big Sisters. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Willow is a little Fireball

Willow Smith wants her fans to be empowered after listening to her new album Pairs with Nicky Minaj

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▶ Singer Willow Smith is promoting the release of her latest music video, Fireball, with Nicki Minaj.

Willow Smith is all about kid empowerment.

The young singer says she's hoping to inspire listeners with her upcoming album Knees and Elbows.

"It's gonna make them feel like they have control over their lives and can do what they want to do and be the person they want to be," she said Wednesday night.

Willow is already proving that at just 11. The daughter of Will and Jada Pinkett Smith has become a buzzed-about star thanks to her hit song Whip My Hair. She's also become a fashion trendsetter with her funky clothes; on Wednesday, her hair was closely cropped with big bangs in the front, and she wore a cropped jacket with decals, including the name of her album, and sequined jeans.

"I get a lot of my style from my friends," she said, also citing her aunt.

Willow recently teamed up with another fashionista, singer-rapper Nicki Minaj, for Willow's new song Fireball. Willow premiered it for groups of children and their parents at the Sony Store, as well as BET's 106 & Park.

Even though Minaj and Willow are cited for their style, Willow says they didn't share any fashion tips.

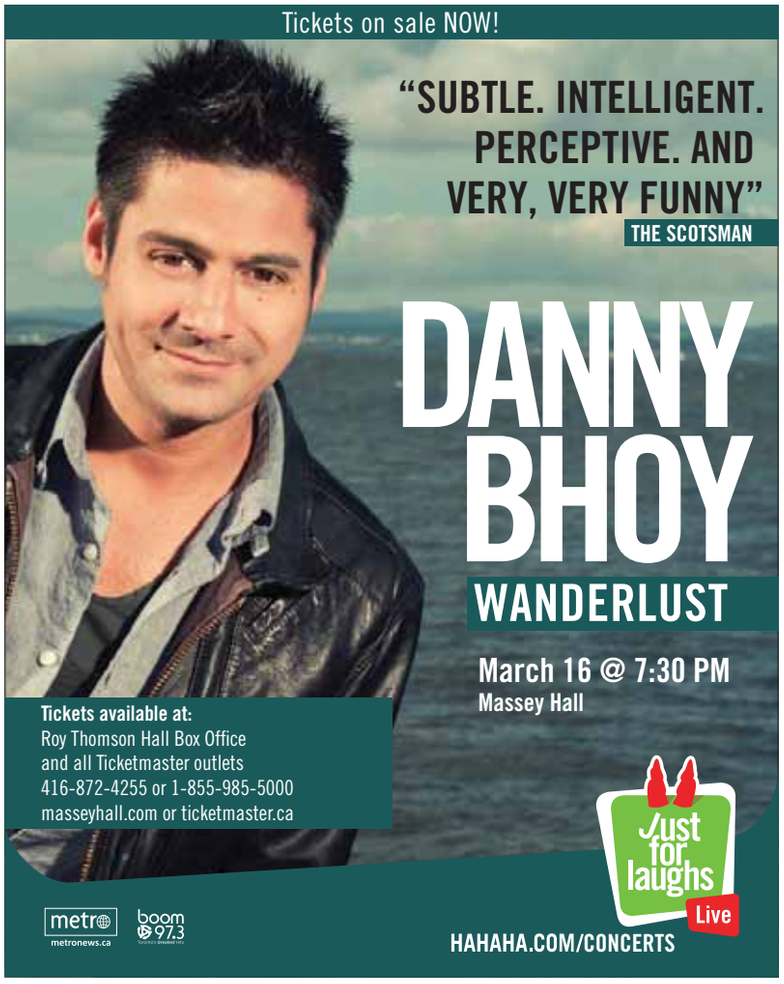
"We just kind of vibed off each other and had fun," she said.

Knees and Elbows is scheduled to be released in April. Willow said it will be "more R&B." The title ties in to her theme of inspiration.

"Everybody falls down and scrapes their knees and elbows but they eventually get back up," she said.

Willow said she and her famous family will be vacationing for the holidays, and that she's not anxious about a Christmas gift.

"I have everything I need. I have my mom, my dad, my brothers, my family; ... that's pretty much what I want to keep," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



2011'S MUSICIANS WHO DESERVE ANOTHER LOOK

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There's just too much music these days.

No wonder that so much great stuff — a disturbing amount — slips through the cracks. Here's a list of artists and albums that you may have missed over the past 12 months.

Cults/Cults

A boy-girl band from Manhattan who went from mysterious indie duo to major label signing in the space of just a few months. I dare you not to sing along.

Cut Copy/Zonoscope

Third album from this Australian electronic band, which has been nominated for a Grammy.

EMA/Past Life Martyred Saints

EMA is Erika M. Anderson, who makes music out of what seems to be a succession of life crises. It's the kind of powerful, painful stuff that Courtney Love used to make about twenty years ago.

PJ Harvey/Let England Shake

No two PJ Harvey albums ever sound alike. Her tenth album is nothing short of stunning. No wonder it won Britain's Mercury Prize.

Lykke Li/Wounded Rhymes

Think of her as Sweden's answer to Bjork and Tori Amos but without the attendant weirdness. A hit in Scandinavia, it should have garnered more mainstream attention elsewhere.

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▶ Lykee Li

The Kills/Blood Pressures

Yes, I have a thing for Alison Mosshart , whom you might remember from working with Jack White in The Dead Weather. If the band name sounds familiar, it might because the other half of the band, Jamie Hince, married Kate Moss this past summer.

My Morning Jacket/Circuital

Think a more psychedelic Kings of Lion. Maybe their Grammy nomination in the Best Alternative Album category will goose things for the band.

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Winning over fickle TV fans

Film and television execs try to lure viewers with aggressive marketing stunts and touring showcases

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▶ Jet set fun: Pan Am is a globe-spanning melodrama set in the Kennedy presidency.

Gone are the days when a loyal TV viewer would turn the dial to a stalwart network like CBS and settle in for the evening.

Rare, too, is the film fan with a standing date to catch a big theatrical release on opening day.

And so it goes that comic Patton Oswalt recently found himself on a cross-country tour to pitch his new film Young Adult directly to movie-goers along with actress Charlize Theron and director Jason Reitman, theatre by theatre, town by town.

"I want people to discover this movie ... just with sort of a blank brain, rather than me putting any ideas into their heads right now," Oswalt says of the promotional strategy, which had the offbeat feature skipping the more usual festival circuit in favour of secret screenings with average viewers. "And just show them that, 'Hey, I'm excited about this, we're excited about this.'"

Film and TV marketers have been getting especially creative in their attempts to lure eyeballs in their direction, resorting to publicity stunts that seem to rely more and more on reaching out to viewers directly with on-the-street campaigns.

Stunts in 2011 included a flash mob in Toronto meant to promote the big-budget sci-fi spectacle Green Lantern. Marketing guru Mike Vollman says hitting the road with a movie and its cast is nothing new, but he acknowledges that out-of-the box tactics are a sign of the times.

"It's certainly harder to find the audiences — everyone is super-distracted, everybody I know spends their entire day with their head buried into an electronic device," says Vollman, an L.A.-based consultant with 20 years experience working with Disney, DreamWorks, Paramount and MGM.

"That has also made it super-hard to get a hold of people but that doesn't mean a flash mob is going to make you see Green Lantern."

Lewchuk says bold, unusual stunts can at least get an audience to sit up and pay attention, and that's a good thing.

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CTV pushed its fall lineup by setting up airplane-shaped screening rooms in shopping malls across Canada staffed with look-alike Pan Am flight attendants who invited mall rats to catch an early glimpse of rookie shows including Pan Am, X Factor and Grimm.

CTV marketing honcho Rick Lewchuk says the campaign was unusual but necessary to highlight a programming slate in an increasingly competitive entertainment field. "If you don't go the extra effort ... then you're just kind of doing what everybody else is doing," says Lewchuk, senior vice president of Bell Media Agency, CTV's in-house marketing and promotions division.

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Who's Fascinating to Barbara Walters

Who's been naughty, who's been nice: Walters chats to 10 of the most prominent news-makers of 2011

On her new TV special, Barbara Walters gets up close and personal with Donald Trump.

Maybe too personal.

"We started with his hair," confides Walters. "He said, 'Pull it and you can see that it's not a hairpiece.' So I did. And I still think it's a hairpiece."

Trump — the follically perplexing reality star, businessman and sometimes presidential candidate — is on Walters' list of The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2011, which airs on ABC on Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. EST. It's the 19th annual compilation of the year's most prominent names in entertainment, sports and popular culture.

Walters says she questioned Trump on his year of political adventures, which included commandeering the "birther" bandwagon by stoking doubt about U.S. President Barack Obama's U.S. citizenship, and by teasing voters with the prospect of his stepping into the presidential race as a Republican candidate (Trump, of course, then opted not to take the leap).

"But he still is talking about running," Walters says.

"He told me, 'If the Republicans pick the wrong person, if the economy continues to be bad, I would certainly consider running as an independent.'"

Other Fascinating People include talent-show baron Simon Cowell, pop singing sensation Katy Perry and New York Yankees star Derek Jeter, who tells Walters that he'd like to own an athletic team.

"I told him, 'You're making a lot of money. You could buy one,'" reports Walters. "And he says, 'Great. I'll buy one with you.' We made a deal."

Also on board are Jesse Tyler Ferguson and Eric Stonestreet, the loving on-screen couple from ABC's comedy hit Modern Family, and the Kardashian reality TV family.

Other Fascinating names include Pippa Middleton, dishy sister of British royal Kate, and Amanda Knox, the former Seattle exchange student whose four years in custody ended in October when an Italian court overturned her murder conviction in the death of her roommate.

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▶ Katy Perry, left, with Barbara Walters in New York in November.

Kardashian insight

Walters weighs in on the Kardashians sisters:

▶ "They're pretty women, they're glamorous and they don't know private from public," Walters says. "And they're part of a family — one for all and all for one — that people relate to."

TV picks

Robyn shows SNL some love

KATY PERRY TO HOST. On Saturday Night Live, it's a pop-star extravaganza as American hit maker Katy Perry takes on the role of host and Swedish recording artist Robyn performs. Both singers were recently nominated for Grammy awards. (Global, NBC)

An Idiot goes deep-sea fishing

WHEN IN ALASKA. Karl Pilkington, who's starred alongside comedy giants Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant in their popular podcast, rides a deep-sea fishing trawler in Alaska on An Idiot Abroad: The Bucket List on Friday.

It's just one of many adventures Gervais and Merchant push Pilkington into for the series. (Discovery Channel)

Whose line is it, Canada?

IMPROV MEETS CHRISTMAS. Acclaimed Canadian improv troupe The National Theatre of the World presents A Very F—ing Mamet Christmas, featuring special guest Ron James on Sunday.

National Theatre of the World has won three Canadian Comedy Awards. (CBC)

Amazing Race, amazing drama

WHO SAID SUNDAY WAS THE DAY OF REST? The Amazing Race finale on Sunday (CBS, CTV) is followed by an intense episode of The Good Wife, in which Alicia tries to have a judgment thrown out after her client is shockingly found guilty. (Global, CBS)

Did RCMP not protect women?

FIFTH ESTATE PROBE. The investigative journalism series CBC News: the Fifth Estate delves into sexual harassment allegations at the RCMP on Friday night.

Featured is the story of women who signed up to Canada's pre-eminent police force and now claim it failed to protect them. (CBC)

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Kardashian's choice

Kris Jenner to help pick next Miss America Winner based on talent, looks and interviewing skills — remember Miss South Carolina Teen USA anyone?

Kardashian matriarch Kris Jenner is on a panel of seven judges who will pick next year's Miss America during a pageant in January in Las Vegas.

Jenner, a star of cable reality show Keeping Up With the Kardashians, will join Meet the Parents actress Teri Polo and ABC's lifestyle anchor Lara Spencer on the panel announced Wednesday.

Also judging the pageant will be Dancing With the Stars dancer Mark Ballas, The Bachelor executive producer Mike Fleiss, Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition host Chris Powell and Raul de Molina, a former photographer and host of Univision entertainment news show El Gordo y la Flaca.

The pageant's finals are scheduled for Jan. 14 at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino and will air live on ABC.

The judges will interview the state contestants and judge them in preliminary competitions during the week leading up to the pageant, eventually picking a winner based on looks, talent and interviewing skills.

This year's winner, Teresa Scanlan of Nebraska, won at age 17 and is the youngest Miss America since the pageant implemented age limits in 1938.

The pageant will be hosted by The Bachelor host Chris Harrison, who's at the start of a two-year deal hosting the competition.

Miss America started in 1921 as a bathing revue.

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$45M Miss America Organization touts itself as the country's largest provider of scholarships to young women, giving more than $45 million last year.

Who's in?

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▶ Kris Jenner

How Regis Got This Way

TV legend pens book about the famous people who have changed him

Regis Philbin still gets worked up about the 17-year-old Seinfeld episode in which he called Kramer "bonkos."

"Oh my God, I lose my breath every time I think about it," says the perennially exasperated TV host.

The anecdote is detailed in How I Got This Way, Philbin's new memoir about his encounters with a seemingly endless parade of celebrities including Jerry Seinfeld, George Clooney, Howard Stern, Steven Spielberg, George Steinbrenner and Joe DiMaggio.

Last month, Philbin left Live! With Regis and Kelly after more than 28 years on morning television, many of them spent with co-hosts Kathie Lee Gifford and Kelly Ripa. During the daily host chat segment on Live!, he mastered the art of turning an everyday incident into an engaging story.

It's a talent that's on display from the moment he shows up for a 9 a.m. interview.

"You wouldn't believe what I've been through!" says the excitable entertainer, launching into a colourful tale about a lost passport.

As for the job he has just left, Philbin says he's been so busy promoting his book that he's had little time to miss Live!

Written in a highly readable format, each chapter of How I Got This Way is about someone who made an impact on Philbin and concludes with a summary of what the Who Wants To Be A Millionaire? personality took away from the encounter.

"Confidence is really the key. You've got to have it, you've got to express it. Tell everybody what you want and go get it."
REGIS PHILBIN

"I just kept writing about those incidents that moved me in some way," says Philbin. "I thought, this can happen from spending one night with someone, or a meeting with someone, or just brushing against them in some way — that they can, in another way, change you for the better."

Philbin writes about a wild night he and wife Joy spent at Clooney's Italian villa on Lake Como. He tells of his initial encounter with shock jock Stern (his neighbour in New York City) and his friendship with the late Yankees owner Steinbrenner. He also details an encounter at Yankee Stadium with his childhood idol DiMaggio.

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Regis unplugged

After spending an astounding 16,000 hours on television since the early 1950s, Philbin has crossed paths with some major stars.

In How I Got This Way, he relates those meetings with the same insider-y dish that proved so irresistible to Live! viewers.

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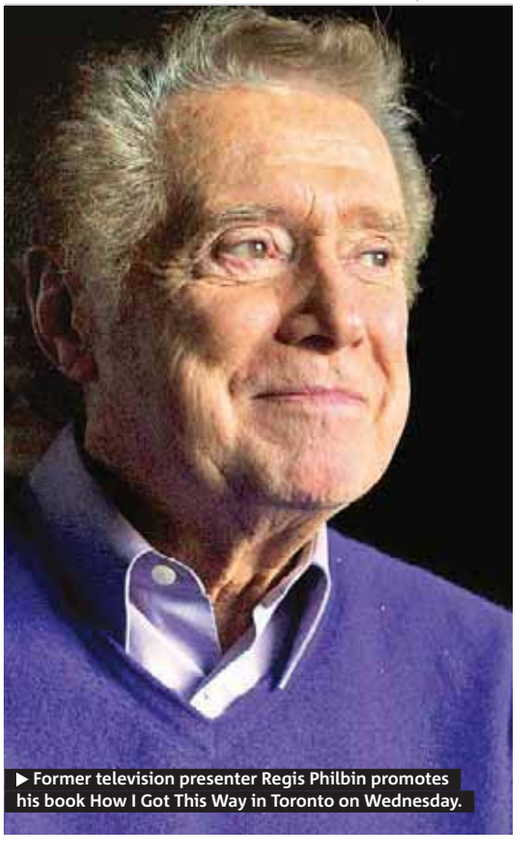

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Remember Fear Factor? It's back

Leeches, varmint-filled burritos are just a few of the delights we've been missing from this reality TV competition

There's a problem on the set of Fear Factor.

The squirming leeches that are supposed to stick to a pair of production assistants who are testing a gross-out challenge keep falling off their nearly nude bodies before the wormy critters can be chewed up and swallowed. Inside a control-room truck parked outside a barn on the site of the L.A. County Fair, the show's producers scramble to save the slimy stunt.

Instead of couples taking turns dipping into a chilly tub filled with the blood suckers, the producers quickly decide that only the bikini-clad female halves of the teams will be submerged in the leech-infested water, and their male counterparts will be tasked with yanking the creatures off their teammates' skin with only their mouths before the pair gorge on leeches.

When the actual contestants tackle the slimy gag, it moves swiftly and without issue – well, any issue that would concern someone responsible for the likes of Fear Factor.

The bloodcurdling screams, violent vomiting and emotional breakdowns that ensue during the leech sucking-and-eating exercise delight the admittedly twisted producers inside the control room.

"When we do a stunt like today, I feel it's as good, if not better, than the gross stunts that we did in the past," executive producer Matt Kunitz said unapologetically during a break from filming earlier this year.

"We made the right call because the girls were all freaking out. If the guys were in the tub, they would've been stoic about it, and it would've been boring."

It's been five years since Kunitz and his team last worried about ways to freak out reality TV contestants, and time doesn't seem to have hindered their mission for tension-building sadism on the over-the-top NBC contest.

The revived Fear Factor, which begins Monday on NBC at 8 p.m. EST, will be broadcast in high definition but will feel familiar to viewers — same logo, format and host.

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Hate-to-love TV

Fear Factor debuted in 2001 and promptly became a popular guilty pleasure, long before such trashtastic fare as Jersey Shore and Keeping Up With the Kardashians.

Ratings eventually dwindled though, and after a series of gimmicky installments, including Miss USA and military editions, Fear Factor slithered away from NBC after six seasons in 2006.

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▶ Contestants are whisked to safety after completing a stunt in the premiere episode of Fear Factor airing Monday on NBC.

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‘We’ve got a lot of chubby kids now’

Bill Cosby remembers ballfields from his youth, wonders where the kids have gone

Bill Cosby played football at Temple, ran track for the Owls and still attends their basketball games.

But baseball? Not so much while growing up at the Richard Allen projects in Philadelphia.

“No, no, no. I wasn’t any good,” the comedian told The Associated Press recently. “But I was fast. I think I held the record for the highest batting average — maybe .300 or something — for someone who never hit the ball out of the infield.”

There was the time he stole, too. A high school classmate’s glove, that is.

“I got caught,” he said. “I learned I wasn’t a very good lookout for myself and better find something else to do.”

A Cosby story

- Bill Cosby’s grandfather was a devout Phillies fan who kept two radios cranked up at home so he could listen to games from every room.
- When Cosby began to succeed in show business, he bought him a special present: season tickets on the third base side at Connie Mack Stadium.

Those stories aren’t in his book that came out last month, I Didn’t Ask to Be Born (But I’m Glad I Was).

There is a delightful tale, though, of the day his pal Peanut Armhouse got called home by his mom while playing softball and dared to ignore her. While the other boys stood petrified by her shouts, ol’ Peanut picked up the ball, hit a weak grounder and did his own play-by-play while rounding the bases.

“As Byron Saam would,” Cosby writes, referencing the famed Phillies announcer for four decades.

Back in the 1940s, schoolyards and sandlots in his neighbourhood were full of kids playing baseball and softball. Or step-ball, with players tossing a bouncy ball off the angled steps of Philly’s row houses. Or even hoseball, a game he recalled that used a cutup, four-inch piece of garden hose as the ball.

At 74, Cosby doesn’t see crowded inner-city fields anymore.

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▶ In this 2009 photo, Dustin Pedroia of the Boston Red Sox laughs as he jokes with comedian Bill Cosby while sitting in the dugout prior to a game.

“Look at how desperate we were to play. We’d be out there trying to catch a rock, in the dark,” he said. “But schools cut out gym classes. Schools cut off recess. We’ve got a lot of chubby kids now.”

Some of those kids, he observed, prefer to play baseball on a computer screen rather than with real bats and balls.

“What they’re building are remedial gyms,” Cosby said.

Cosby is concerned many would-be ballplayers are being priced out.

“Those gloves don’t cost 12 cents,” he said. “What do they cost now, $400? And it costs $600 or something to join some of these leagues.

“And remember, there are places now where you can’t just go running around, the bullets are flying,” he said.

Quite a difference from when he’d show up to play in the Police Athletic League. There, at the 69th PAL, bats and gloves and uniforms were provided. Everything except the shoes.

“Mine were cardboard and leather,” Cosby said.

No matter, he was a pretty slick-fielding second baseman in those days. That’s his story, anyway.

“I could turn the double play. I’d come across, put my foot against the back left corner of the bag and sidearm that throw,” Cosby said. “That I could do.”

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Change is not so Easy

Fans of writer Walter Mosley wouldn't let him give up on their favourite character

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▶ Walter Mosely

When author Walter Mosley announced the beloved Easy Rawlins detective series probably was at an end, he got an immediate and powerful reaction.

"Oh, people were upset," Mosley said with a smile. "Just so upset. Really terribly upset — which is funny. I kept telling them, 'There are 11 books, if you'll go reread them. What's wrong with you? I don't belong to Easy.'"

Mosley recently announced he will write two more Easy novels, a resurrection worthy of one of his favourite comic books. The first for Doubleday is due in 2013 and picks up where the once terminal Blonde Faith left off. Of course, that's not all for the obsessively prolific author. His latest book, the paperback version of The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey, just came out and his new Leonid McGill mystery All I Did Was Shoot My Man hits shelves in January.

Last we heard, you were predicting the end for Easy. What changed?

I thought it could have been. I mean it didn't have to be, but it might've been. I just didn't know. Then I decided not that long ago, "Yeah, I'll write a couple of more and see what it's like."

Does a popular character like Easy weigh on a writer?

No, not at all. I think it would if I didn't have any success with other books or if I felt that Easy was keeping me from writing other books.

Science fiction is another genre you write in that gets overshadowed by your mysteries.

I've always loved science fiction. I think the smartest writers are science fiction writers dealing with major things. People talk about Toni Morrison, who is a great writer, but she's not a better writer than Samuel Delaney. Because it's science fiction, no one takes him seriously, and that's too bad because he's a great writer and a really smart writer.

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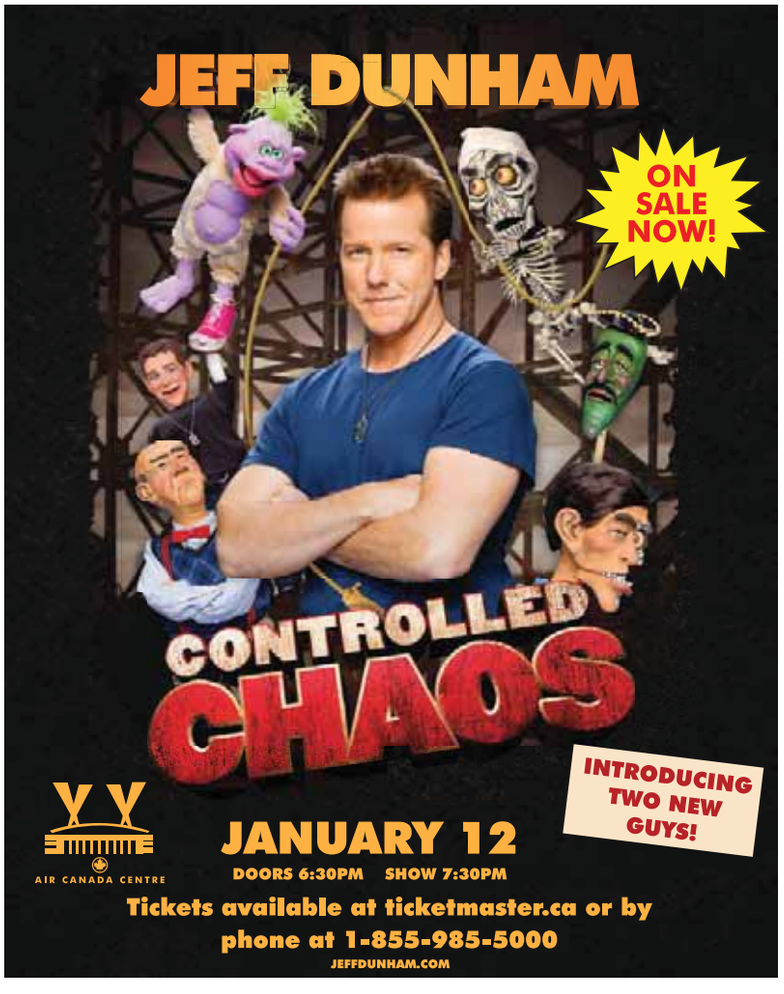

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Great games — no batteries

Nostalgia rules this year as parents want their kids to discover the board games they loved

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In Christmas Past, children would find all sorts of simple games under the tree: Tiddlywinks, pickup sticks and board games could amuse young minds for hours.

Batteries and computer chips have made much of kid's play an electronic spectator sport today, but there are signs of some pushback.

Retailers are offering a variety of vintage-style games, and many baby boomers are seeking out the toys they remember fondly — puzzles, board games and the like.

Steven Josephson, owner of The Toy Box store in Mamaroneck, N.Y., said board games are always a big seller "but in the last couple of years, they've really been popular. People remember the old-fashioned games like Monopoly, Stratego, Sorry, and want their own kids to play them. Parcheesi's come way back this year."

At the New York International Gift Fair this fall, gift retailer Wild & Wolf drew crowds to its Ridley's collection of vintage-style games.

The line features many old favourites, including marbles, jacks and tumbling blocks. (Available at Burkedecor.com, among other sites.) The package designs are retro too: cardboard or tin boxes, muted colours, early 20th-century-style lithography.

And indeed, the visuals are part of the appeal of these games. There's something charming about a toy that doesn't come in a loud, primary-coloured box, or a plastic case.

Hasbro has teamed up with Target this season to offer classic board games in wooden boxes, including Life, Clue, Risk and Scrabble.

"Key words for Christmas 2011 are nostalgia, family, tradition and longevity," says Riann Henckel, a forecaster for Sphere Trending, in Waterford, Mich.

If you're interested in the actual, original board games you played as a kid, you'll find sources online. Prices are often surprisingly modest, in the $20 range.

Los Angeles-based game collector Desi Scarpone has been an aficionado of board games since he was young, and rues the day he let his mom get rid of his old ones. Scarpone sells games from the 1940s through the 1990s at his website, 4gamesgoneby.com. They include some rare ones like 1951's Space Pilot, 1967's The Monkees, and a copy of the only Beatles game ever made, Flip Your Wig.

"There's been a steady resurgence in vintage board game popularity for the last several years. The children of my generation have children of their own, and they want them to feel the same joy and excitement they originally felt when playing these games," says Scarpone.

While today's game graphics tend to scream for attention, "People respond to the innocence of the artwork they remember in a vintage game," he notes.

At Vintagegame world.com, there's a comprehensive array of mid-century games, and browsing can be a visit back in time.

There are old faves like Aggravation, Monopoly, Hi-Q and Careers, but also Easy Money, Acquire and Stock Market ("Anyone can make a million!").

Before there were Gears of War or Battlefield, you could play Tobruk, a war strategy game based in Second World War North Africa, or Arab-Israeli Wars, where you re-enact tank battles, or the classic Risk.

The site's also got games that exploited TV culture of the '60s and '70s: Man From U.N.C.L.E., Happy Days, I Spy, Six Million Dollar Man.

If you're lucky enough to still own an old favourite but misplaced some parts, they have a substantial inventory.

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Canadian author Patrick deWitt's latest accolade comes courtesy of iTunes Canada.

The popular online shop has released its year-end lists of the top books, music, movies, TV shows, apps and podcasts, both according to sales and editors' picks.

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The best fiction book nod went to deWitt for The Sisters Brothers, which won the Governor General's Literary Award and the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize.

Charlotte Gill's Eating Dirt: Deep Forests, Big Timber, and Life with the Tree-Planting Tribe was chosen as the best non-fiction book. The top seller overall was Stephen King's 11/22/63.

Adele's 21 was chosen as best overall album and her track Rolling in the Deep was named best song. For Cancon, Feist's Metals was the editors' pick as best Canadian album, The Grand Optimist by City and Colour was best song, and Deadmau5 was named as the top breakthrough artist. 21 was the bestselling album while LMFAO's Party Rock Anthem was the most downloaded track.

Bridesmaids was the bestselling and most-rented movie, while The Walking Dead topped the charts for most episode and full-season downloads.

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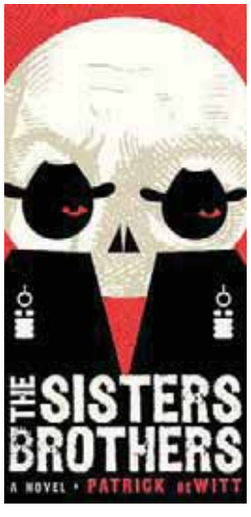

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Is Lauer out at Today?

NBC Universal courting Ryan Seacrest to replace Lauer

THE WORD

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Rumor has it that NBC Universal is courting Ryan Seacrest to replace Matt Lauer on the Today show next year.

Although Lauer hasn't announced his retirement, he has hinted at it quite seriously, and NBC wants someone big to replace him. And it's starting to look like that someone is our generation's version of Dick Clark.

The Wall Street Journal announced the news of the courting on Thursday but so far NBC is keeping mum on the speculation.

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A Today spokesperson went on record about the move, saying, "there seems to be an awful lot of speculation around news anchors these days, and it's not our practice to comment on any of it. Matt Lauer has a long-term contract with NBC News and Today."

Here's the thing: Seacrest is an amazing entertainer and host and deserves all the success that comes with his self-made media empire.

But does the guy have the chops to report on something as heavy as, say, terrorist attacks?

He's too tan. Too involved in the Kardashians. Too smiley.

But maybe that's me just being a Hollywood-ist. And maybe what the show needs is Seacrest interviewing a head of state and then ending it with his trademark, "Seacrest, out!" What do you think about this possible job move? Write in to let me know.

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Lohan's shoot leaks

Lindsay Lohan to appear on Ellen to officially unveil her Playboy cover

The cover of Lindsay Lohan's issue of Playboy has leaked a week ahead of its unveiling, according to Hollyscoop.

The vintage-themed cover features a naked Lohan straddling a red chair in the shape of the Playboy bunny logo that strategically blocks certain parts of her body.

"The pictorial is absolutely fantastic and very tasteful, and will be accompanied by an interview that will let readers see another side of Lindsay," her rep has said of the magazine's content.

Lohan is still set to appear on Ellen DeGeneres' show next week to officially unveil the issue and give her first interview since violating her parole.

She is rumoured to have received $1 million for the shoot. METRO

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▶ Lindsay Lohan will bare it all — this time for money.

Talking points

Nothing Wilde to see here

RELATIONSHIPS. While Olivia Wilde has maintained that her love life is pretty quiet despite reports to the contrary, sources now say she's been dating Saturday Night Live star Jason Sudeikis — and apparently has been for a while, according to Us Weekly.

"She's come to the studio at Rockefeller Center, and they've gone out to dinner after rehearsals," a source says, adding that "they walked in holding hands" at the show's most recent after-party. METRO

Celebrity tweets

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"When I got my house the cable guy said "oh man, you bought the crazy house. This house makes people go crazy. All the cable guys know that"

@oliviawilde

"sometimes i have good ideas, like going to see the Black Keys. and then sometimes i decide to eat dinner while watching Contagion. doh."

@AlbertBrooks

"It seems Alec Baldwin quit Twitter. His followers are welcome here, but prepare to martyr yourself when I ask."

ADVERTISING FEATURE

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION...

Lee Romanov, , Consumer Advocate
President, Income Activator

If your online business has not reached its' full potential and you've been struggling to take it to the next level, almost feeling paralyzed at times, then I'm about to tell you what you can do about it.

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I'm Lee Romanov, and I built a huge Internet business by applying simple techniques such as this and created a database of over 100,000 people that funnelled into my revenue model. I then sold the website to Torstar; owner of the Toronto Star for millions of dollars.

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Nordic super diet

Sweden is considered one of the world's healthiest nations. The Swedish diet consists of lots of heart-healthy fish, such as salmon and herring and high-fibre, dark and dense breads. Also popular is dairy, which has high amounts of calcium, helping with fat metabolism, says celeb fitness trainer Harley Pasternak. METRO

O, tannenbaum, what have you wrought? Live, artificial tree marketers exchange barbs.

Drinking like it's 1999

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I saw Prince in concert last week and while I'm not sure if it was his out-of-control funkfest (hello, the guy is 53!) or having drinks after the show with a female friend who looks even better than she did in college, I can testify that some things do get better with age.

Wines can be a lot like that, but not always. Most mid-priced vino is drank within 48 hours of leaving the shelf so many winemakers design their juice to accommodate immediate drinking.

That doesn't mean your local liquor store won't have bottles you can squirrel away. Reds are best bets. Those from France's Burgundy and Bordeaux regions, bigger-bones Spaniards, Italians from Tuscany, and California cult wines make good candidates for the cellar.

Italy's 2007 Ruffino Riserva Ducale Chianti Classico ($22.95 - $34.99) comes from a spectacular year and though it will taste great with pasta today, with its dense core of dark cherry fruit, anise and light herbal spice it will age nicely over the next ten years. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Catch of the week

While you have more free time on weekends, the kitchen may be the last place you want to spend it This simple fish dish is the perfect quick meal

DINNER EXPRESS

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For this dish, using salt in the skillet instead of oil helps to create heat.

It also allows you to cook with no added oil in the pan.

The salt is a essentially a hot bed in which to cook the salmon, and help the fish skin cook directly onto the salt for easy removal.

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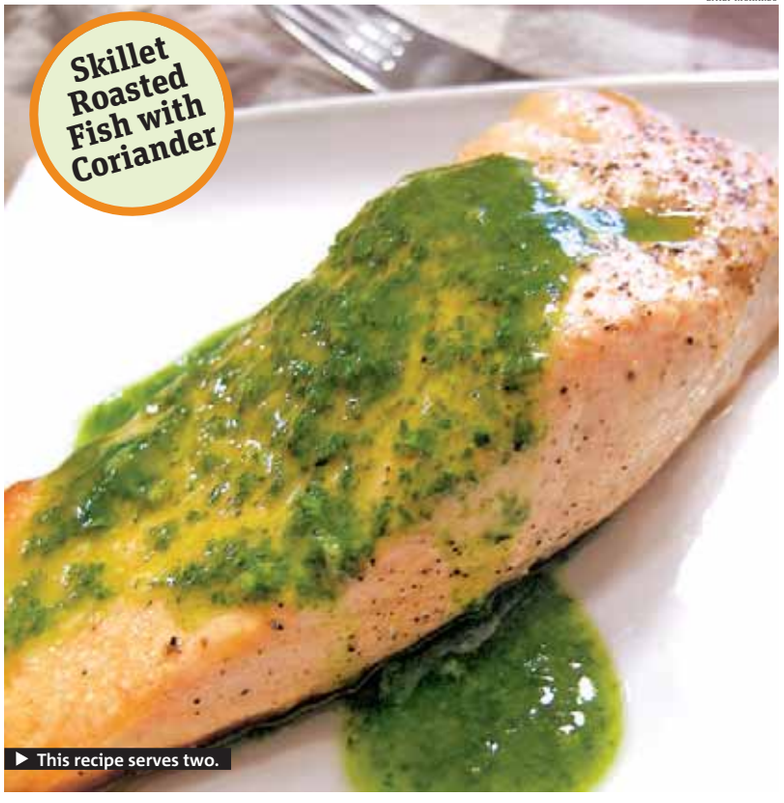

This recipe serves two.

Skillet Salt Roasted Fish with Coriander Drizzle Preparation:

1. In a skillet, spread kosher salt in a single layer and place it over medium-high heat for about 10 minutes or until the salt is hot to the touch.
2. Place the salmon fillets on top and brush tops with some of the oil. Sprinkle with pepper. Cover the skillet and cook for about 15 minutes or until firm to the touch. Remove the fish from heat and keep it covered for 3 minutes.
3. Remove the fish from the salt with spatula, leaving skin on salt.
4. In a blender, purée cilantro, garlic and remaining oil until it is smooth and add vinegar. Pour the mix over the salmon and sprinkle it with smoked salt to serve.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) Kosher salt
- 2 salmon fillets, skin on (about 12 oz/375 g total)
- ¼ cup (50 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- Pinch pepper
- ½ cup (125 mL) fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) white wine vinegar or lime juice
- Pinch smoked salt

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New Terroni Location

If you've never gone to Terroni, you can't really call yourself a Torontonian – it's as simple as that. This rustic yet contemporary chain of Italian restaurants (three locations now of the namesake, six in total under the Terroni umbrella) just opened the new location at 1095 Yonge St. on Tuesday, and is bringing the same charm and succulence to midtown.

Kirei Sushi + Bar

The last thing the city needs is another sushi spot, right? That's debatable, if you ask me. Kirei Sushi + Bar opened just last week at the corner of Church and Lombard Streets, and has a definite Japanese fusion vibe worth checking out, with some excellent rolls and a fully-stocked cocktail list to accompany.

Radar: CHEESEWERKS

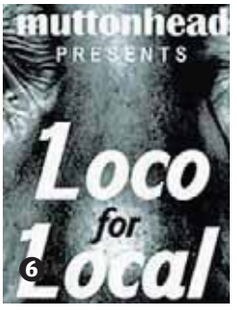
The time has finally come. After months of social media promo, special events, and whispers heard citywide, CHEESEWERKS is opening Fri. 16 at 56 Bathurst St. The adult-grilled cheese joint (it'll be licensed) will boast variations on the classic — and some delightful twists — and is hosting a Free Lunch Friday from 12 to 2 p.m. on opening day so you can sample their take on the classic.

HOHOTO

This fundraiser has become one of the high points of the holiday season. HOHOTO began as a social media movement in late 2008, and is now known amongst pretty much all of Toronto's Twitterati (read: Toronto's power-Twitter-users). On Dec.15, help raise some much-needed funds for Toronto's Daily Bread Food Bank while mixing with the city's top Twitterholics and YPs at The Mod Club (722 College St W.). Check out Notable.ca/metro/Dec9 for more info.

New Years Eve in Toronto (plan ahead)

In just three short weeks (+ 1 day) it will be NYE 2012, and the buzz is already surfacing — I've received tons of inquiries. I've narrowed down my top three pics for you and yours; the hottest Toronto Lounge — F-STOP, a sit-down dinner and party at Story's (think: same place Madonna and Clooney partied in during TIFF), and, definitely the most historical, and original … Castle Loma! Check out notable.ca/nye for the details.



LOCO for LOCAL

Pop-up shops have moved from gimmick into somewhat standard fare here in the city, and this weekend sees the duo behind Muttonhead recruiting a small league of local designers, artists, wares producers and the like to NACO Gallery (1665 Dundas W.) for a 4-day-long (it ends Sunday) stint selling their local and interesting clothing, accessories, grooming products and more.

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Leafs preview

Toronto at Washington
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Toronto (15-10-3) takes on Alex Ovechkin and the Capitals (14-12-1), who won their second game under new head coach Dale Hunter 5-3 over Ottawa on Wednesday. Ovechkin scored his second goal in 13 games in the win. Nicklas Backstrom leads the team with 29 points, nine more than Ovechkin. John Carlson has taken a leading role on the Capitals' blue-line while Mike Green (groin) remains out. Carlson has seven points in his last three games and 12 in his last 10.

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Angels make Albert's wallet a whole lot fatter

Exactly six weeks after winning the World Series in St. Louis, superstar first baseman agrees to $254 million, 10-year deal to play in California

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▶ Albert Pujols celebrates winning the World Series in Game 7 over the Texas Rangers in St. Louis on Oct. 28.

Albert Pujols could have been a wealthy Cardinal for life, planning for the day his statue would be erected outside Busch Stadium next to those of Stan Musial, Bob Gibson and the other St. Louis greats.

Instead, after leading the Cardinals to a second title in a thrilling World Series, he chose to accept the second-highest deal in baseball history for a future with the Los Angeles Angels.

The three-time NL MVP agreed Thursday to a $254 million US, 10-year contract with the Angels, jilting the fan base of one of the sport's traditional teams for a club with only one championship in its half-century.

Many top stars have changed teams mid-career, but this is perhaps the best player in the game over the past decade exiting shortly after one of the great postseason power shows.

"This is a monumental day for Angel fans and I could not be more excited."

ANGELS OWNER ARTE MORENO, WHO BOUGHT THE TEAM FOR $184 MILLION FROM THE WALT DISNEY CO. IN 2003.

Pujols' honours include the 2001 NL Rookie of the Year award, MVPs in 2005, 2008 and 2009, a batting title in 2003 and two Gold Gloves.

Now, he's going West.

As his deal fell into place at the winter meetings in Dallas, the Angels struck another big agreement, a $77.5 million, five-year contract with left-hander C.J. Wilson, whose Texas Rangers lost to the Cardinals in the World Series.

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The Cardinals selected Albert Pujols in the 13th round of the 1999 amateur draft with the 402nd overall pick.

"This is obviously the moment where we have thrown our hat in the ring," Angels manager Jerry Dipoto said.

Pujols could've been the rare modern star who stays with a team from first at-bat to final swing. Now some will call him a sellout.

Pujols rejected a multi-year extension last off-season that was said to include a small percentage of the Cardinals franchise. St. Louis also offered a 10-year deal that chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. said was in excess of $200 million.

"I would like our fans to know that we tried our best to make Albert a lifetime Cardinal," he said in a statement, adding later in a telephone interview: "They were substantially higher than our bid."

Pujols' contract is only the third to break the $200 million barrier, following Alex Rodriguez's $252 million, 10-year deal with Texas before the 2001 season and A-Rod's $275 million, 10-year agreement with the Yankees in 2008.

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▶ Japan's Yu Darvish delivers at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Yes Yu did: Darvish on way to MLB

Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish ended months of speculation Thursday by saying he intends to make a move to Major League Baseball.

The 25-year-old right-hander, considered the best pitcher in the Japanese professional leagues, wrote on his blog that he had decided to use the posting system, which allows MLB teams to bid for the negotiating rights to Japanese players who have yet to become free agents. Daisuke Matsuzaka and Ichiro Suzuki went to the major leagues under the system.

"I have decided to use the posting system," he said. "I wanted to tell my fans directly, so that is why I am posting this on my blog."

Darvish, the son of an Iranian father and a Japanese mother, went 18-6 with a 1.44 ERA this season for the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters. His 276 strikeouts led the Pacific League.

"I owe a lot of thanks to my team," Darvish said, adding he would provide more details at a yet-to-be-scheduled news conference.

The six-foot-five Darvish has superb control and throws seven effective pitches, including a two-seam fastball introduced during the 2010 season.

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Lack of production doesn't vex Kulemin

Struggling Leaf on pace for just five goals 'I need to shoot more. Something will go in,' forward says

Like the familiar 'What, me worry?' signature phrase of MAD Magazine's Alfred E. Neuman, Maple Leafs winger Nikolai Kulemin continues to appear unfazed by his lack of touch around the net this season.

"I don't worry about anything. I just try to play my game," Kulemin, 25, said on Thursday after practice before heading to Washington for a game against the Capitals on Friday night.

The Russian has repeated the same answer countless times this season when asked why his scoring talents have vanished after firing in 30 last season.

Kulemin has scored just twice in 28 games, the last time on Oct. 22 against the Montreal Canadiens.

"(Last year) I had bad months to start the season. Then I just figured it out and started scoring and everything was fine."
NIKOLAI KULEMIN

Searching for answers, Kulemin said, "I can't say why but I don't shoot the puck a lot."

Indeed, he hasn't had a shot on goal in the past four games. Altogether, Kulemin has 40 shots on goal in 28 games but take away the 10 shots he fired against Florida and Boston in early November, and — well, you get the picture.

Last season he had 173 shots on goal en route to 57-points, his best season in three since being selected 44th overall in the 2006 entry draft.

Rather than dwell on his tough start, Kulemin is looking ahead to Friday's game against the Capitals, a team the Leafs whipped 7-1 in Toronto on Nov. 19.

"You're always thinking about it (not scoring) but I try to avoid (thinking about it) and just play my game," said Kulemin. "I don't change anything in my game. I just try to think about how I can score."
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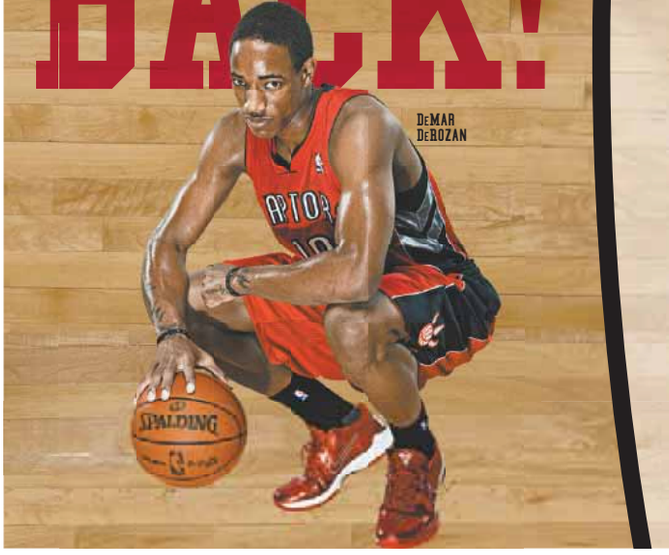

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Pittsburgh	28	16	8	2	2	86	69	36	8-2-2-0	8-6-0-2	5-4-1-0	L1
d-Florida	28	16	8	1	3	80	69	36	6-2-1-3	10-6-0-0	7-2-1-0	W3
d-Boston	27	17	9	0	1	89	56	35	10-6-0-1	7-3-0-0	7-2-0-1	L2
Philadelphia	26	16	7	2	1	93	77	35	6-4-1-1	10-3-1-0	7-3-0-0	W3
NY Rangers	24	15	6	1	2	71	55	33	7-2-0-1	8-4-1-1	7-3-0-0	L1
Toronto	28	15	10	2	1	89	90	33	6-4-2-1	9-6-0-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Buffalo	27	14	11	1	1	76	74	30	6-8-1-1	8-3-0-0	3-5-1-1	L1
Washington	27	14	12	0	1	84	87	29	9-4-0-1	5-8-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1
Ottawa	28	13	12	2	1	86	96	29	7-5-0-1	6-7-2-0	5-3-2-0	L1
Winnipeg	27	12	11	3	1	77	83	28	8-4-0-0	4-7-3-1	7-2-1-0	W3
Montreal	28	11	11	2	4	69	72	28	4-5-2-3	7-6-0-1	2-4-2-2	L1
New Jersey	26	13	12	0	1	65	74	27	5-4-0-1	8-8-0-0	5-5-0-0	W1
Tampa Bay	27	11	14	0	2	70	89	24	7-4-0-0	4-10-0-2	3-7-0-0	L5
NY Islanders	25	9	11	3	2	57	79	23	6-6-2-0	3-5-1-2	5-3-1-1	W2
Carolina	30	9	17	2	2	77	104	22	5-9-0-2	4-8-2-0	3-7-0-0	W1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Minnesota	28	18	7	2	1	71	61	39	10-4-1-0	8-3-1-1	9-1-0-0	W5
d-Chicago	28	16	8	1	3	93	88	36	8-2-0-3	8-6-1-0	5-4-0-1	L1
d-Phoenix	27	15	9	1	2	74	67	33	6-5-1-1	9-4-0-1	6-4-0-0	W2
Detroit	26	16	9	1	0	77	59	33	10-2-1-0	6-7-0-0	7-3-0-0	L2
Vancouver	27	16	10	0	1	89	67	33	8-4-0-1	8-6-0-0	8-2-0-0	W2
St. Louis	27	15	9	0	3	66	60	33	9-3-0-1	6-6-0-2	6-2-0-2	W1
Dallas	26	15	10	0	1	69	72	31	9-4-0-1	6-6-0-0	4-5-0-1	L1
Los Angeles	27	13	10	2	2	62	61	30	8-7-0-1	5-3-2-1	5-4-1-0	L2
San Jose	24	14	9	1	0	68	58	29	7-6-1-0	7-3-0-0	5-5-0-0	L2
Edmonton	28	13	12	0	3	79	76	29	8-5-0-2	5-7-0-1	4-5-0-1	L2
Nashville	27	12	11	3	1	70	74	28	4-5-2-1	8-6-1-0	3-6-1-0	L2
Colorado	28	13	14	1	0	75	84	27	7-9-0-0	6-5-1-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Calgary	27	12	13	1	1	67	78	26	6-5-1-1	6-8-0-0	5-4-0-1	W1
Anaheim	27	8	14	2	3	63	88	21	6-9-1-0	2-5-1-3	2-6-1-1	W1
Columbus	27	8	16	0	3	65	90	19	5-7-0-1	3-9-0-2	5-5-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Florida 2 Boston 0
Ottawa at New Jersey
Chicago at N.Y. Islanders
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia
Nashville at Columbus
Vancouver at Montreal
Phoenix at Detroit
Anaheim at St. Louis
Colorado at Calgary
Minnesota at Los Angeles
Dallas at San Jose
Wednesday's results
Carolina 5 Edmonton 3
Washington 5 Ottawa 3
Philadelphia 5 Buffalo 4 (OT)
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Toronto at Washington, 7 p.m.
Florida at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Montreal at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Boston at Columbus, 7 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 7 p.m.

LATE WEDNESDAY

HURRICANES 5, OILERS 3

First Period
1. Edmonton, Belanger 1 (Paajarvi, Sutton) 10:33
2. Carolina, Skinner 12, 19:23 (pp)
Penalty — Hemsky Edm (hooking) 18:36.
Second Period
3. Carolina, McBain 3 (Kaberle, Faulk) 4:36 (pp)
4. Carolina, Dwyer 4 (Staal, Kaberle) 11:47
5. Carolina, LaRose 8 (Allen) 15:41 (sh)
6. Edmonton, Eager 1 (Petrell, Lander) 15:50
Penalties — Petrell Edm (hooking) 2:59, Sutton Edm (boarding) 4:36, Staal Car (unsportsmanlike conduct) 8:41, Peckham Edm (misconduct) 11:47, Ponikarovsky Car (tripping) 13:49.
Third Period
7. Carolina, Ruutu 9 (Jokinen, Gleason) 3:43
8. Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 13 (Gagner, Eberle) 13:21
Missed penalty shot — Skinner Car, 7:19 third.
Penalties — Stewart Car, Smid Edm (roughing) 4:55, Allen Car (roughing) 7:30, Sutton Edm (boarding), Eager Edm (charging) 10:27, Gilbert Edm (slashing) 13:48, Gleason Car (instigating, fighting, game misconduct), Sutton Edm (fighting) 17:51.
Shots on goal

Carolina	10	9	14	—33
Edmonton	7	10	8	—25

Goal — Carolina: Ward (W,9-12-3); Edmonton: Dubnyk (L,4-6-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Carolina: 2-6; Edmonton: 0-4. **Referees** — Chris Lee, Brian Pochmara. **Linesmen** — Michel Cormier, Brian Mach. **Attendance** — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	16	20	36
Kessel, Tor	17	18	35
D.Sedin, Vcr	12	21	33
Toews, Chi	17	15	32
Lupul, Tor	13	19	32
Stamkos, TB	16	14	30
Nugent-Hopkins, Edm	13	17	30
P.Kane, Chi	8	22	30
H.Sedin, Vcr	8	22	30
Weiss, Fla	11	18	29
Backstrom, Wash	10	19	29
Eberle, Edm	10	19	29
Pominville, Buf	9	20	29
Vanek, Buf	13	15	28
Fleischmann, Fla	12	16	28
Versteeg, Fla	12	16	28
Sharp, Chi	13	14	27
Selanne, Ana	9	18	27
Franzen, Det	13	13	26
Smyth, Edm	12	14	26
Ma.Hossa, Chi	11	15	26
Kopitar, LA	10	16	26
Neal, Pgh	14	11	25
Seguin, Bos	13	12	25
Spezza, Ott	9	16	25
Vrbata, Phx	13	11	24
Skinner, Car	12	12	24
Ra.Whitney, Phx	10	14	24
Malkin, Pgh	9	15	24
Datsyuk, Det	8	16	24
Karlsson, Ott	2	22	24
Michalek, Ott	17	6	23
Hartnell, Pha	12	11	23
Perry, Ana	12	11	23
B.Richards, NYR	10	13	23
Tavares, NYI	9	14	23
Benn, Dal	6	17	23
Plekanec, Mtl	6	17	23
M.Koivu, Minn	5	18	23
Campbell, Fla	2	21	23
Gaborik, NYR	13	9	22
Eriksson, Dal	10	12	22
Elias, NJ	9	13	22
Jagr, Pha	9	13	22
St. Louis, TB	9	13	22
C.Smith, Nash	8	14	22
Parenteau, NYI	4	18	22
E.Kane, Wpg	14	7	21
Moulson, NYI	14	7	21
Pavelski, SJ	12	9	21
Dupuis, Pgh	8	13	21
Filppula, Det	8	13	21
Prospal, Clb	7	14	21
Getzlaf, Ana	6	15	21
O'Reilly, Col	6	15	21
J.Thornton, SJ	5	16	21
M.Bergeron, TB	3	18	21
M.Richards, LA	11	9	20
Lucic, Bos	10	10	20
Marleau, SJ	10	10	20
Ovechkin, Wash	9	11	20
Briere, Pha	7	13	20
Horcoff, Edm	7	13	20
Edler, Vcr	4	16	20
Couture, SJ	10	9	19
Pacioretty, Mtl	10	9	19
Adam, Buf	9	10	19
Duchene, Col	9	10	19
Marchand, Bos	9	10	19
A.Steen, StL	9	10	19
Nash, Clb	8	11	19
O.Jokinen, Cal	7	12	19
Legwand, Nash	7	12	19
Lidstrom, Det	6	13	19
S.Weber, Nash	6	13	19
Bergeron, Bos	5	14	19
Tanguay, Cal	5	14	19
Kulikov, Fla	3	16	19

Last night's games not included

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	3	0	.750	362	247
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	290	260
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	278	304
Miami	4	8	0	.333	246	220

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	9	3	0	.750	310	189
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	249	229
Jacksonville	3	9	0	.250	152	238
Indianapolis	0	12	0	.000	174	358

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	3	0	.750	296	192
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	268	195
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	266	250
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	175	240

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	5	0	.583	256	292
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	274	308
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	287	289
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	163	268

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	283	244
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	287	315
Philadelphia	4	8	0	.333	271	282
Washington	4	8	0	.333	202	256

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	393	269
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	269	244
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	290	324
Tampa Bay	4	8	0	.333	218	329

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	12	0	0	1.000	420	262
Detroit	7	5	0	.583	333	277
Chicago	7	5	0	.583	291	242
Minnesota	2	10	0	.167	246	330

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	288	161
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	216	246
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	232	269
St. Louis	2	10	0	.167	140	296

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WEEK 14
Last night's result
Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Sunday's games
All times Eastern
New Orleans at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 1 p.m.
New England at Washington, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
St. Louis at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

SKIING

WORLD CUP

MEN'S SLALOM

At Beaver Creek, Colo.
1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 1:50.20
2. Cristian Deville, Italy, 1:50.34
3. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 1:50.68
4. Nolan Kasper, U.S., 1:50.90
5. Mitja Valencic, Slovenia, 1:51.05
6. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 1:51.06
7. Patrick Thaler, Italy, 1:51.07
8. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 1:51.13
9. Manfred Pranger, Austria, 1:51.24
10. Felix Neureuther, Germany, 1:51.26
11. Stefano Gross, Italy, 1:51.49
12. Wolfgang Hoerl, Austria, 1:51.67
13. Ted Ligety, U.S., 1:51.70
14. Jens Byggmark, Sweden, 1:51.78
15. Brad Spence, Calgary, 1:51.79
16. Markus Vogel, Switzerland, 1:51.88
17. Julien Cousineau, Lachute, Que., 1:51.98
18. Mario Matt, Austria, 1:52.02
19. Michael Janyk, Whistler, B.C., 1:52.09
20. Fritz Dopfer, Germany, 1:52.12
21. Leif Kristian Haugen, Norway, 1:52.15
22. Mattias Hargin, Sweden, 1:52.19
23. Christoph Dreier, Austria, 1:52.25
24. Markus Larsson, Sweden, 1:52.35
25. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 1:52.68
26. Giuliano Razzoli, Italy, 1:52.86
27. Bode Miller, U.S., 1:52.93
28. Steve Missillier, France, 1:52.94
29. Krystof Kryzl, Czech Republic, 1:53.39
30. Marc Berthod, Switzerland, 2:08.88

WORLD CUP SLALOM STANDINGS
(After 1 race)
1. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 100 points; 2. Cristian Deville, Italy, 80; 3. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 60; 4. Nolan Kasper, U.S., 50; 5. Mitja Valencic, Slovenia, 45; 6. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 40; 7. Patrick Thaler, Italy, 36; 8. Manfred Moelgg, Italy, 32; 9. Manfred Pranger, Austria, 29; 10. Felix Neureuther, Germany, 26.

WORLD CUP OVERALL STANDINGS
(After 8 races)
1. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 334 points; 2. Ted Ligety, U.S., 309; 3. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 280; 4. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 268; 5. Beat Feuz, Switzerland, 260; 6. Hannes Reichelt, Austria, 227; 7. Kjetil Jansrud, Norway, 205; 8. Bode Miller, U.S., 203; 9. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 170; 10. Alexis Pinturault, France, 163.

GOLF

DUBAI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates
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First Round

Peter Hanson	34-30—64
Paul Lawrie	32-33—65
Rory McIlory	36-30—66
Sergio Garcia	35-32—67
Ross Fisher	35-33—68
Robert Rock	35-33—68
Alvaro Quiros	33-35—68
Jaco Van Zyl	34-35—69
Shane Lowry	33-36—69
David Horsey	36-33—69
David Lynn	34-35—69
Thomas Aiken	34-35—69
Charl Schwartzel Africa	35-34—69
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano	34-36—70
Hennie Otto	37-33—70

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Acquired LHP Dana Eveland from L.A. Dodgers for LHP Jarret Martin & OF Tyler Henson. Designated RHP Willie Eyre for assignment. Selected LHP Andrew Loomis from Philadelphia & INF Matt Sweeney from Tampa Bay in Rule 5 draft. Sent INF Greg Miclat to Texas to complete trade for C Taylor Teagarden.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Selected LHP Cesar Cabral from Boston and LHP Thomas Melgarejo from the L.A. Dodgers in the Rule 5 draft.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Reached tentative understandings, pending physicals, with 1B Albert Pujols and LHP C.J. Wilson.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Acquired RHP Daniel Turpen from Colorado to complete the Kevin Slowey trade. Selected RHP Terry Doyle from the Chicago White Sox in the Rule 5 draft.
N.Y. YANKEES—Acquired LHP Cesar Cabral from Kansas City for cash considerations. Selected RHP Brad Meyers from Washington in the Rule 5 draft. Released OF Greg Golson.
TEXAS RANGERS—Assigned INF Greg Miclat to Frisco (Texas). Selected INF Fabian Williamson from Oakland, OF Efrain Nunez from Seattle and INF Alex Buchholz from Cincinnati in the Rule 5 draft.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Selected INF Gabe Jacobo from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA BRAVES—Selected LHP Robert Fish from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.
CHICAGO CUBS—Selected INF Ricky Alvarez from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Selected RHP Rhiner Cruz from the N.Y. Mets in the Rule 5 draft.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Harang on a 2-year contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Selected OF Erik Komatsu from Washington and LHP Barrett Browning from the L.A. Angels in Rule 5 draft.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Selected INF Michael Wing from the L.A. Angels in the Rule 5 draft.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Selected C Beau Seabury from Colorado and RHP Matthew Buschmann from San Diego in Rule 5 draft.

FOOTBALL

CFL

TORONTO ARGONAUTS—Re-sign defensive backs coach Orlondo Steinauer and offensive line coach Steve McAdoo.

NFL

BUFFALO BILLS—Placed K Rian Lindell on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

NHL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Suspended Edmonton D Andy Sutton indefinitely for his hit on Carolina F Alexei Ponikarovsky in a game on Dec. 7.
MINNESOTA WILD—Recalled F Jeff Taffe from Houston (AHL). Placed F Devin Setoguchi on injured reserve.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled D Matt Carkner from Binghamton (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Activated D Michal Rozsival from injured reserve.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled F Blair Jones from Norfolk (AHL).

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‘It’s been a dream of mine’

Magloire expected to sign a deal with his hometown Raptors on Friday afternoon

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Jamaal Magloire speaks to reporters on Thursday.

It was never going to take Jamaal Magloire long to ingratiate himself with Raptors fans. He is a local product, an NBA veteran, a well-spoken grownup with a level of gravitas in the community few Toronto basketball players have ever had.

But he hit the right chord at the end of his first scrum as a soon-to-be-Raptor, nailing what his presence might mean so well that fans won’t be able to do anything but appreciate him even more.

“I am the hockey player of this team,” Magloire said at the Air Canada Centre after working out Thursday morning. “I’m the one that’s gritty, that will work hard, and that will do whatever it takes to get wins at the end of the day.”

Magloire is expected to finalize a contract with the Raptors on Friday afternoon, as soon as the final vestiges of the NBA lockout are blown away.

Terms of the deal aren’t public — the Raptors can’t even confirm they have interest because the league prohibits team officials from uttering the name of free agents until Friday afternoon — but Magloire will get at least one year guaranteed at the veteran’s minimum of about $1.5 million for a player with his experience, with perhaps option years after that.

The 33-year-old centre will become the first Canadian player to ever sign with the Raptors. More importantly, he will give the team an inside presence, at a minimal cost, which the Raptors desperately need as the building process continues.

“It’s been a dream of mine for a very long time,” he said of the opportunity to suit up with Toronto.

There are several layers to Magloire’s role with a Raptors team that opens training camp with a Friday night practice at the Air Canada Centre.

He is the fourth big man on a roster that will need as much roster depth as it can find in a compressed 66-game regular season; he is the oldest player on the roster and the one with the greatest amount of NBA experience; he has played in the NBA Finals and in all-star games, a history none of his teammates can match.

Over an 11-year career, Magloire has averaged 7.5 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. Last year he averaged 1.9 points and 3.4 rebounds.

Most important this year might be his mentoring.

“Absolutely,” he said. “As it stands right now, I will be the oldest one and I look at myself as being a leader. Even with a veteran club I had last year in Miami, I was a leader. Between Juwan Howard and myself, we ran that locker room and it’s going to be no different here.”

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NBA says Paul to L.A. deal a no-go

The NBA, as owners of the New Orleans Hornets, won’t trade all-star guard Chris Paul to the Los Angeles Lakers.

NBA spokesman Mike Bass says: “It’s not true that the owners killed the deal, the deal was never discussed at the Board of Governors meeting and the league office declined to make the trade for basketball reasons.”

A person familiar with the trade told The Associated Press that the framework for a deal had been in place, but that Paul would report to Hornets camp Friday.

Lakers forward Lamar Odom would have gone to New Orleans and fellow Los Angeles forward Pau Gasol to Houston, the third team in the trade, people told The Associated Press on Thursday. They spoke on the condition of anonymity because the deal was not finalized.

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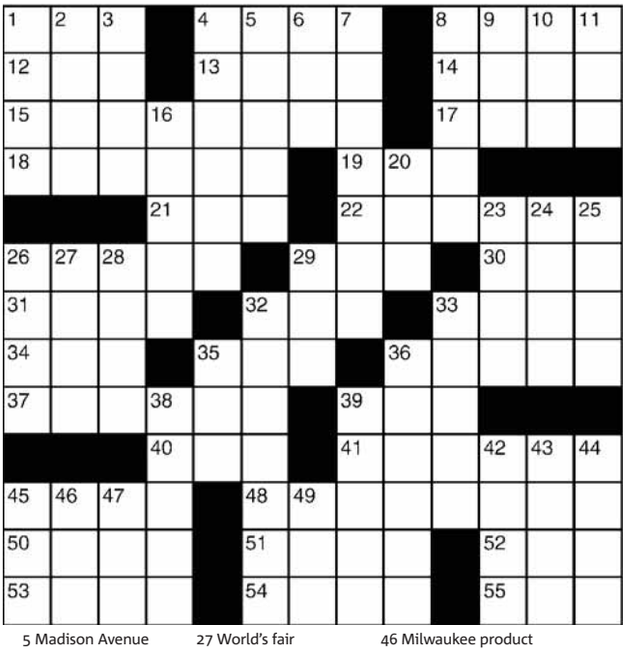

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1 Pickle holder
4 React in horror
8 Anything but that
12 Past
13 Concept
14 Stroll
15 Medium-sized dog
17 Without acting
18 To-do list
19 Every last crumb
21 Stimpy's cartoon pal
22 Lassie, e.g.
26 Pavarotti's range
29 A mere handful
30 Toss in
31 Nerve cell process
32 Carte lead-in
33 Turned blue?
34 Gas stat
35 Wall climber
36 Deep-voiced singer
37 "French" dog
39 Shriner's chapeau
40 "— the fields we go ..."
41 Anti-elderly prejudice
45 Satchmo's genre
48 Large terrier
50 Burn soother
51 Pesky insect
52 Silent
53 Night light?
54 Tackles' teammates
55 Crony

Down

1 — Pinkett Smith
2 Quite enthusiastic
3 Judicial garb
4 Construction piece
5 Madison Avenue worker
6 Vast expanse
7 Cure-all
8 Dungaree, for one
9 Owned
10 Under the weather
11 Heavens
16 Company that went under in 2001
20 Depressed
23 Pringles competitor
24 Bad day for Caesar
25 Taro root
26 Pack (down)
27 World's fair
28 "Forget it"
29 Aviate
32 Mean
33 In a stupor
35 — -de-France
36 Sires
38 Doughnut shop purchase
39 Capacitance measure
42 Poetic foot
43 Insult
44 Note to self
45 Van Eyck or Vermeer
46 Milwaukee product
47 Menagerie
49 Hostel

▶ Yesterday's answer

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		7				8		
	5		8		3		7	
1	2						3	9
		4	9		7	3		
6								1
		3	1		6	7		
3	9						4	6
	4		5		2		8	
		2				5		

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6	2	4	5	3	7	1	8	9
8	7	5	1	9	6	3	2	4
4	3	7	9	1	8	6	5	2
5	6	9	4	2	3	7	1	8
2	1	8	7	6	5	9	4	3
1	4	2	6	7	9	8	3	5
7	8	6	3	5	4	2	9	1
9	5	3	2	8	1	4	7	6

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Travel will be a lot of fun today but if you overdo it, tomorrow's lunar eclipse will bring you back to earth!

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Inner changes are making you rather touchy at the moment but, as always, the moment will pass.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You're in an assertive and adventurous mood, but some people may see you as too domineering.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The approaching eclipse has got you in a bit of a tizzy. You may have to lie down for a bit to get your balance!

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You will be enthusiastic about something you discover today but don't get carried away and preach to people.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may lose patience with someone you work with today, but they are not being obstructive for fun.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You're in one of those moods when you'll do anything for anyone. If not careful, you'll be taken advantage of.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 A financial opportunity will intrigue you, but is it the kind of thing you want to get involved in long-term?

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may fall heavily for someone today, but don't get carried away because this is a passing fancy.

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